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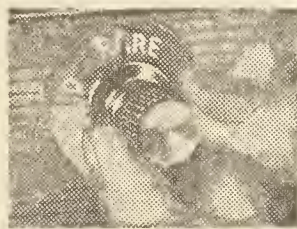
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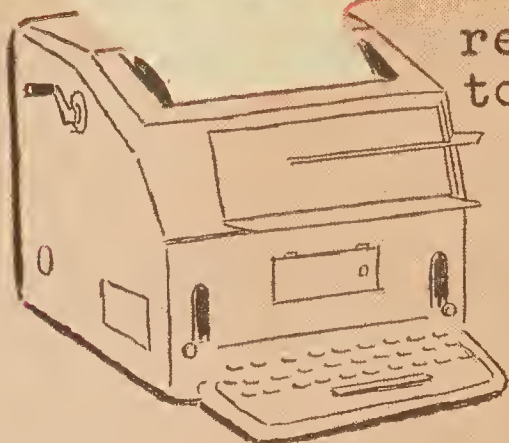
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# BRIEF



reports on events of importance  
to rural electric co-op members

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has enlisted the help of rural electric cooperatives in trying to girdle up the nation's sagging economy. He's called upon REA to help the co-ops boost buying of electrical appliances and equipment among members and to encourage loans for financing purchases. The President said the additional spending would be of special benefit to the economy at this time. The President's "buy-now" plan hopes to enlist the cooperation of all segments of the electric industry.

**TAKE A GRAIN OF SALT** with another of the President's announced steps to stimulate trade. This was his directive to the Secretary of Agriculture to "encourage REA borrowers to accelerate necessary construction of electrification and telephone facilities under already approved loans." "I am informed," he wrote, "that there is a total of some \$740 million of balances available but not yet used under previously approved loans." The quick use of the \$740 million is not a real possibility, since it is merely a loan authorization (not a new appropriation) to be drawn down by the borrowers over a period of years. Most of the money is already under loan contract and is being used according to orderly, long-term plans engineered by the borrowers and approved by REA. Clyde Ellis, general manager of NRECA, advised the President that the \$740 million could not be used for the purpose that he proposed. However, Ellis suggested a course of action that would speed up the rural electric and telephone programs "so that they may make their maximum contribution to the national economy." Ellis asked the President to direct Benson to: 1. lift "stop orders" that are now holding up construction of generation and transmission systems. These orders are preventing use of part of the \$740 million which the President mentioned; 2. speed up the processing of loan applications now being kept on ice; 3. assure all electric and telephone borrowers that the Administration will ditch its budget message calling for a restrictive REA loan program; 4. assure the cooperatives that the Administration will abandon its "no new starts" policy with regard to federal multi-purpose river development programs, and proceed full speed ahead; and 5. give telephone co-ops an opportunity to provide area coverage service in rural America. Ellis endorsed the President's directive to Benson to encourage additional loans to finance farm and rural home installations for electric service and equipment.

**MOST CO-OP FOLKS WERE SURPRISED** at the President's words of encouragement to the co-ops. His fiscal '59 budget cut their needed loan funds from REA by half, and envisioned their getting the rest from Wall Street. The House Appropriations Committee didn't go along with the President. It recommended a \$300-million authorization for the REA electric program, and went on record in opposition to the President's Wall Street proposal. "The committee can see no possible benefits to the cooperatives, and it can foresee the possibility of enormous losses to the taxpayers if such legislation were adopted," the committee report stated. The House of Representatives subsequently passed the \$300-million authorization on a voice vote. It is now awaiting Senate action.

**ANOTHER BILL WAS AXED** by Presidential veto after getting overwhelming support in both houses. It was the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Bill which was supported by rural electric cooperatives. It would have injected almost \$2 billion in water resource projects into the economy. The vote was 52-11 in the Senate and 321-81 in the House. There's a strong possibility that Congress will override Eisenhower's veto. If so, it will be the first time.



Dear Reader:



**WE'RE EATING A LITTLE CROW** around our office, and it doesn't taste a bit bad. It was our ill-advised opinion that just about everybody who wanted running water had it; therefore, we didn't expect much response to our contest offering one water system and six pumps as prizes. We've been receiving about 40 entries a day since the contest was announced last month.

The Mother's Day Small Appliance Contest is over, and it was no small job trying to select our winners from the 710 who entered. Even though she didn't win a prize, every mother whose name was entered can surely be proud. Their children are certainly proud of them, judging by the nice things they wrote about her. Becky Rivers announces the winners on page 21, and reports on the grand prize winner who, of all things, entered for her mother-in-law!

**ONE OF THE FAMILIAR**, comforting things we used to find in a ride through the country was the abundance of small baseball diamonds in out-of-the-way places, where, on a Saturday afternoon at this time of year, you could usually find a spirited game in progress. We'd feared that the decline in farm population and the depression that has plagued organized minor league ball (we suspect the two are connected) might see the community diamonds put in the Soil Bank. However, in a photo-story by one of our favorite photographers, Max Tharpe, you'll see that baseball is far from dead in at least one section of North Carolina. The piece begins on page 13.

**A WARM WELCOME** to our newest readers, the 410 members of Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation in Carteret County. It's the second smallest electric cooperative in the state, and one of three islands served by co-op power. While it's small, it has suffered most of the distresses and enjoyed most of the successes of its bigger brothers. Like them, it was born of the failure of commercial power companies to serve the people; at first it suffered from low power consumption, the forces of nature, and a relatively little room in which to grow. Like the other co-ops, it succeeded as members learned to put power to use through experience, and as its board of directors and personnel became involved in the operations of a cooperative electric business.

**IT COULD NEVER** have happened without the reasonable interest rates of REA loans and the cooperative spirit of the islanders.

*J. C. Brown, Jr.*  
Editor

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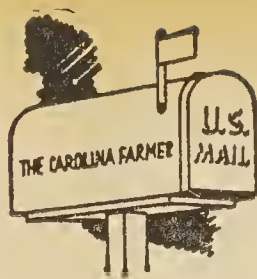
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MAIL



BOX

### Praises for the Farmer

We sure enjoy receiving each edition of the *Carolina Farmer*. Each month it is thoroughly read; we partake of its contents; we save it for future reference.

I am a native of Lumberton, and I am truly proud to see that we have

members there and in surrounding areas receiving your wonderful magazine.

The poem entitled "The Legend of the Dogwood Tree," (CF, April, page 28) is a very heart-touching message. I am sure all of those who have read it agree with me. If not, I suggest they read the poem, take a look at a dogwood tree, and see what the results will be. Well, anyway, I am putting mine in a frame.

Incidentally, we are members of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation at Asheboro.

Mrs. Welsa Floyd Dumas  
Mount Gilead

### More Dancing

I am writing concerning the letter that Mr. George W. White, Marshville, wrote in the April issue of the *Carolina Farmer* concerning dancing.

I am 25 years old, the mother of three children, and the leader of a young peoples' group in our church.

I go along with the fine teenagers that dancing is not bad if it is carried out with good manners. I think that we as parents and adults should guide our young people in good clean recreation. Young people are going to have some kind of recreation whether it is good or bad.

In our church we have all kinds of good clean recreation for our young folks (including dancing). These gatherings are always supervised by several adults. We open and close each of these socials with prayer (and, incidentally, in most cases the young people do the praying). There is no smoking, no drinking, no use of bad language.

I assure you that the Lord is pleased with this kind of recreation whether it be dancing, soft ball, football, volleyball, or whatever—so long as it is carried out in a pleasing manner before the Lord.

When you don't have this recreation in your church (where it really should be) your young people will seek it elsewhere. And if they don't seek dancing it could be something a lot worse. You are driving your young people away from you and the church when you don't plan clean recreation for them. And so far as their getting bad ideas from dancing: If they have been taught to love the Lord, taught good from evil, and their parents have set good examples for them to follow, I don't think you will have anything to worry about.

And I would like to point out some more scripture to Mr. White where there was time for dancing and the Lord was well pleased with it: Ecclesiastes 3:4-5; 1st Samuel 18:6; 2nd Samuel 6:5 and 14. And I think if you will look back on a verse that you quoted (Mark 6:22) and study it more closely, you will find that it was the evil of Herod and his wife that caused the beheading of John the Baptist and not that of a young person dancing.

I can say to you, Mr. White, that I know the Lord and I love the Lord, and I love these young people of this generation. I have a desire to see them grow up and have a testimony to God, knowing Him and knowing that

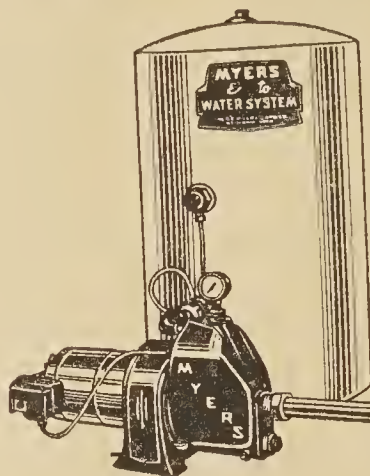
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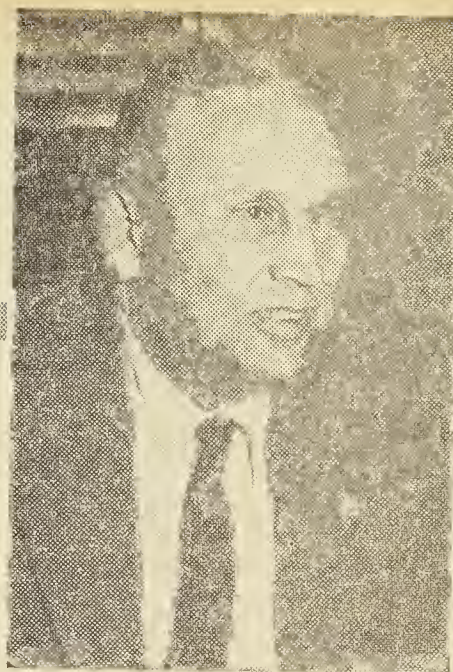
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# In the **Opinion** of

**A. C. EDWARDS**  
*Executive Vice President*  
*N. C. Farm Bureau Federation*



## **TAR HEEL FARMERS NEED RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS ACT**

Closing down a \$4.2 million trade business and eliminating 4½ million jobs doesn't make sense to most Americans, and even less to Tar Heels who know the score on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

North Carolina farmers have a larger stake in foreign trade than any other farm group. Forty per cent of our agricultural production is sold to other countries at a tune of several million dollars each year.

Yet, for lack of local support, the law which makes this business possible and serves as a basis for jobs will wither on the legislative vine if a group of self-interested, short-sighted people in this nation have their way between now and June 30, the expiration date of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

In 1956-57, U. S. farm exports reached a record smashing \$4.2 billion value. Four-fifths of these exports went to countries under trade agreements made possible by the Act, which gives the President authority to make agreements without specific approval by Congress.

Estimates based on national averages indicate that Tar Heel farmers sell 30-40 per cent of their crops to other countries.

Our wheat growers sold 55 per cent of their crop for about \$6.6 million in 1956-57. Cotton producers received \$36 million, or half of their in-

come, from foreign sales. 17 per cent of our soybean crop went into foreign channels for more than \$2½ million. We sold 30 per cent of our tobacco for about \$152 million overseas; 17 per cent of our feed grains for \$6.4 million; four per cent of livestock products for \$10 million; and \$25 million worth of other products.

This doesn't end the story. Agricultural goods must be processed, stored, transported and handled in a thousand ways before they reach their destination. This phase of foreign trade provides jobs for about 4½ million Americans.

The Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act has helped build stronger ties between our nation and its allies. By refusing to extend the Act, Congress could force allies with import-export economies to trade with Communist Bloc members. I say the majority of Americans oppose such action.

Opposing extension of the Act is a growing group of protectionists who, in my opinion, have goals in mind which are not in the long run interest of the United States.

Among them is a large group of manufacturers who, even though the Act gives them adequate protection against unfair competition, would place their own interest above those of the nation.

Each of us has a stake in the Act and in urging our Congress to vote for its extension during the current session.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. C. Edwards'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

This column is designed to bring our readers a responsible opinion on matters of concern to them. It is not necessarily the opinion of the editors on this subject.



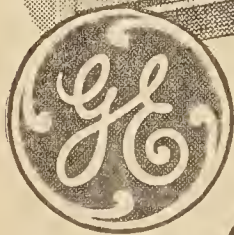
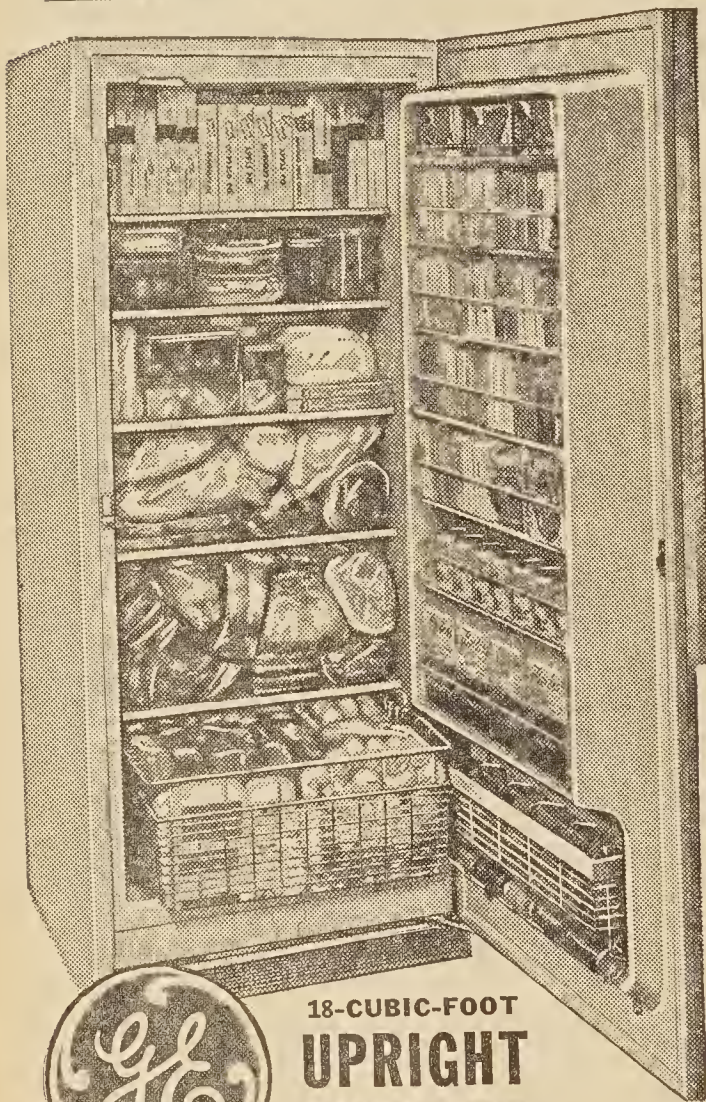
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# ON THE RECORD

Democrats in four districts and Republicans in one will nominate their candidates for Congress in primary election contests on May 31.

The Carolina Farmer asked the 14 candidates who have opposition how they would vote if called upon to help Congress decide three timely issues that we think are vital to the rural electric cooperatives. We feel that in the interest of rural electrification, the answers should be "yes" to all three questions. The questions are:

● Under present conditions would you oppose legislation which would increase the interest charges of REA loans from the present 2% (up to 4 or 6%)?

● Would you support the 52-year-old preference principle whereby non-profit cooperative and municipal electric systems are accorded first opportunity to buy all surplus power generated at federal power projects?

Most of North Carolina's members of Congress will get by without a fight until the November elections, but three of them won't. In the Fifth, Seventh, and Twelfth Districts, the Democratic office holders face family opposition in the May primaries; and in the Tenth District there's a two-man race to pick the Democrat who will oppose Republican Rep. Charles Jonas next fall. There's only one contested nomination to be settled by the GOP this month, that in the Twelfth District.

The Carolina Farmer selected its questions for the candidates against a background of sidedoor attacks on REA and the cooperatives.

The first question arises from several diverse bills sent to Congress by President Eisenhower, the effects of which could be to send co-ops to Wall Street for loan funds and raise interest rates charged by REA.

The second question seeks reaffirmation of the 52-year-old preference principle, whereby non-profit cooperative and municipal electric systems are given the first opportunity to buy all surplus power generated at federal power projects. The co-ops are not given a preference in price of power, but first opportunity to buy. Being able to purchase federal power has often strengthened the bargaining position of cooperatives and municipalities in what would otherwise be a wholesale power monopoly controlled by the commercial utilities.

North Carolina cooperatives have strongly supported the federal Hell's

● If reported to the full House, would you vote to authorize the high federal dam at Hell's Canyon, as did Senators Ervin and Scott?

The three incumbents who must fight for their party's renomination have established voting records on issues affecting rural electrification. Their record votes are presented on the next two pages.

Rural electric cooperative members, who make up the readership of this magazine, will want to judge the candidates on their total qualifications. Knowledge of a politician's attitude toward your rural electric business should help determine whether or not he is qualified to serve you. In this spirit, we gave all the candidates with opposition a chance to declare themselves. We will do so again prior to the November elections.

Canyon dam to reaffirm the nation's historic policy of resource conservation, out of which was born TVA. Experts with no ax to grind say that the federal project is far superior to the commercial plan advanced by Idaho Power Company. North Carolina's co-ops' ac-

tive support for the Western project is partly a protest of the rapid tax write-offs given Idaho Power Company at public expense, and in some measure a denunciation of the practice of "log-rolling-in-reverse."

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## FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



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(did not return questionnaire)

**RALPH J. SCOTT**  
Incumbent, Danbury

**MARSHALL G. KURFEES**  
Winston-Salem

**WINFIELD BLACKWELL**  
Winston-Salem

*REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT'S RECORD: There have been seven record votes in the House on matters affecting rural electrification since he entered Congress. He voted each time. Five of his votes are considered favorable by rural electric cooperatives, two unfavorable. His voting record is 71.4% favorable.*

Scott answered the three questions "yes"; "yes"; and "no"; meaning (1) that he would oppose the Administration's bill to send cooperatives to the private money market for loan funds under present conditions; (2) would support the preference principle; and (3) would not vote for the federal dam at Hell's Canyon.

Kurfees did not answer the first question directly. He wrote that "the interest rate charged local electric cooperatives should be based on their ability to pay. The financial strength of our electric cooperatives no doubt varies according to their location, density of population, etc. We must see to it that the ones serving sparsely populated areas are financed regardless of interest rate." He said he would support the preference principle, and vote for the passage of the federal dam at Hell's Canyon.



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(Many congressmen who get strong support from commercial power companies protect themselves with the home folk by always voting for popular local water conservation and power projects, but always voting against

those in another section of the country. If the power companies can get enough congressmen indulging in the practice, they can defeat any federal project where power generation is involved.) There's also a tad of self-interest

in Tar Heel support of Hell's Canyon. Westerners want the multi-purpose dam very badly. A North Carolina vote against it makes it difficult to get Western support for bills which have direct benefits in our area.



## SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



**ALTON LENNON**  
Incumbent, Wilmington

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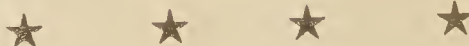
**CASWELL P. BRITT**  
Lumberton

*REPRESENTATIVE LENNON'S RECORD: As first a member of the U. S. Senate and later as a member of the House, he has had an opportunity to cast record votes on 22 issues affecting rural electrification. He voted each time. Twelve of his votes were favorable and 10 were unfavorable, in the opinion of rural electric cooperatives. His score is 54.6% favorable.*

Lennon said "yes" to the first two questions: he would oppose the bill to send co-ops to the private money market; and he would support the preference principle. He said "no," he would not vote for federal construction of multi-purpose dam at Hell's Canyon, adding:

"In spite of the arguments of public power advocates principally in Western United States, I do not believe it is to the economic advantage of the people of North Carolina to continue to support, by our federal-tax dollars, large multi-purpose dams in other sections of our country. The resultant cheap power rates of those sections, with which we cannot compete, defeat our purpose to attract much needed industrial projects for our own state."

Britt supported the cooperative's position on all three issues, answering that he would oppose the President's bill to send the co-ops to the private lenders; would support the preference principle; and would vote for passage of the federal dam at Hell's Canyon.



## TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



**DAVID CLARK**  
Lincolnton



**MARVIN LEE RITCH**  
Charlotte

*Neither Clark nor Ritch have served in Congress, and therefore have no voting record. The winner of this primary race will oppose Republican Rep. Charles Jonas in November.*

Clark answered "yes" to the first question, with the notation: "I believe that under present conditions, the REA should continue to provide all necessary loan funds, and the interest rate should not exceed the cost of money (interest rate) of the federal government. He said he would support the preference principle. He declined to give a yes or no answer to the question on Hell's Canyon. "In my opinion," he wrote, "flood control is an important

factor in this bill; however, I would wish to study aspects of it before making a decision."

Ritch said "yes" to all questions. "I'm firm in my opinion that government low-rate interest money—supplied to do the work and maintain it—is necessary to proper development of public power." He added, "I'm for the government building the big public dam [at Hell's Canyon] on the Snake River. It would be better if two small dams [now under construction by Idaho Power Company] not be built."

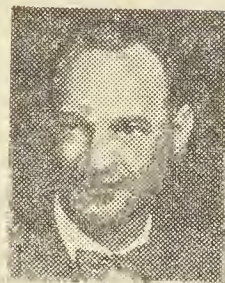
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# TWELFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

## Democratic Primary\*

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**GEORGE A. SHUFORD**  
Incumbent, Asheville

**SANFORD W. BROWN**  
Asheville

**BEVERLY M. MIDDLETON**  
Flat Rock

**HEINZ ROLLMAN**  
Waynesville

**ARCH N. WALLACE**  
Swannanoa

**REPRESENTATIVE SHUFORD'S RECORD:**  
Since he has been in Congress, the House has cast record votes 19 times on matters affecting rural electrification. He has voted 14 times, been paired twice, and did not vote three times. (He recently underwent surgery in Washington

missed.) Counting his paired votes, he has 16 record votes on rural electrification. Twelve are favorable, four unfavorable, giving him a 75% favorable score. However, this doesn't include his crucial, unfavorable committee vote that has prevented the Hell's Canyon bill from being voted on by the House of Representatives.

Shuford's secretary wrote that the Congressman recently had to undergo further surgery in Asheville and could not be able to complete our questionnaire until he returned to his office in May.

Candidates Brown, Rollman, and Wallace each said he could oppose legislation to send electric co-ops to the private money market for loans; would support the preference principle; and would vote for federal, comprehensive development of the Snake River at Hell's Canyon. Middleton said "yes" to the first two questions, said no," he would not vote for the federal project at Hell's Canyon.

Brown wrote, "I am for public power development because it precedes and creates the demand at the lowest cost to the consumer. Whereas, private development allows the demand at the highest cost to the consumer and the greatest profit obtainable to the private developers, as shown in the Hell's Canyon and Dixon-Yates attempted exploitations of the public for the benefit of the greedy private few."

Rollman commented on each question, charging that Eisenhower, or his advisors, must know that REA [rural

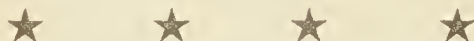
electric cooperatives] can't borrow a penny from private sources. For it is those private sources that own the big power companies."

On the Hell's Canyon issue, Rollman answered, "I wish a certain gentleman would stop bottling up in committee this bill. I believe if the thing would come to an open vote we would get the multi-purpose Hell's Canyon dam. We need it very, very badly."

Wallace also commented on each of the three questions: "I still think the REA program needs the extra help on interest rates due to the long distances of distribution which it has in its service area."

The Swannanoa candidate declared that the preference principle "makes possible the continued operation of many of the [electric] systems."

Wallace said he believed that "the one multiple-purpose dam [at Hell's Canyon] will be more advantageous and economical in the long run. One of the main advantages is that it will help the rural areas more if it is multi-purpose. That does not mean it will not greatly benefit Idaho Power Company also, as it will have opportunity to buy electricity there, too."



*\*Republican Candidates Harold Sams and Roy Kimel of Asheville did not reply*

## THEIR RECORD VOTES ON MATTERS AFFECTING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

VOTES AS RECORDED FAVORABLY BY RURAL ELECTRIC ADMINISTRATION

Y— Yea; N— Nay; X— Paired For; O— Not Voting

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE	LENNON	SCOTT	SHUFORD
. Amendment to add \$35 million to REA electric loan funds in 1955			
. To prevent reconsideration of above amendment.			
. Amendment to add another \$35 million to REA loan funds	N		

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LEGISLATIVE MEASURE—Continued	LENNON	SCOTT	SHUFORD
4. Amendment to give non-profit cooperatives and public bodies first call ("preference") in buying power from Priest Rapids federal dam	N		
5. Amendment (to Atomic Energy Act of 1954) to prevent AEC from signing Dixon-Yates contract	N		
6. To prevent reconsideration of an amendment that legalized Dixon-Yates	Y		
7. Amendment (to Atomic Energy Act of 1954) to permit AEC to produce electricity and market it with preference to cooperatives and other non-profit bodies	Y		
8. To prevent reconsideration of above amendment	Y		
9. To kill (1954 Atomic Energy Act) amendment enabling AEC to require atomic patent sharing when in the public interest	N		
10. To kill amendment permitting AEC to require atomic patent sharing up to 15 years	N		
11. Amendment to create committee to advise on the use of civilian atomic power	N		
12. Amendment to place AEC-licensed commercial power producers under Federal Power Act regulation	N		
13. Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by Senate. (Act failed to safeguard public interest)	Y		
14. To accept House-Senate committee report on Atomic Energy Act of 1954. (Report weakened preference clause, patent-sharing)	N		
15. Final passage of Atomic Energy Act of 1954. (Act failed to safeguard public interest)	Y		
16. To return Interior Appropriations Bill of 1954 to committee with instructions to increase spending authority for marketing power to co-ops			N
17. To return to committee (reject) bill to give Niagara water power to commercial power companies			N
18. To pass above Niagara bill			Y
19. Amendment (to Atomic Energy Act of 1954) permitting patent owners to deny their use to others, thereby paving way for atomic energy monopoly			N
20. To return to committee the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 that excluded rural electric cooperatives from participation			Y
21. Atomic Energy Act of 1954 without amendments protecting public interest			N
22. For at least 2 hours debate on Frying Pan-Arkansas federal power project			N
23. To accept Senate-House report on Public Works Appropriations of 1956 which included power projects			Y
24. To kill bill directing AEC to speed atomic energy program			N
25. To return to committee (reject) above bill			N
26. To permit consideration of the Kerr Bill which prevented Interior Dept. from raising power rates to cooperatives in Southwest			Y
27. Passage of Kerr Bill			Y
28. Investigation of federal money policy: defeat of this in 1957 increased pressure for higher REA interest rate	Y	N	Y
29. To permit State of New York (instead of commercial power companies) to develop Niagara power	Y	Y	Y
30. To amend AEC bill in 1957 to make it unfavorable to co-ops and public bodies	N	N	X
31. Amendment to prevent federal construction of two atomic power reactors	Y	N	X
32. To send Public Works bill for 1959 back to committee for striking out power projects	N	N	O
33. 1959 Public Works bill authorizing certain projects on rivers and harbors for navigation, flood control, hydro power, etc.	Y	Y	O
34. To add \$40 million in 1958 appropriations to speed up previously-approved power projects	N	N	O
PERCENTAGE FAVORABLE	54.6%	71.4%	75%





Lester Lambert of rural Scotts School in Iredell County attending his favorite class.

# Country Golf

*Pro ball players are made on Carolina farms*

Photo Story by Max Tharpe

THE familiar crack of hardwood bats swatting baseballs is sounding throughout the Carolina countryside again, and many Tar Heel farm boys hear the call of a career in its echo. At one time not so long ago, North Carolina had more players in the big leagues than any other state, and most of them were off the farm, by way of Saturday afternoon games in a convenient pasture, with perhaps a season or so in the hottest Class D ball in the nation—the old North State League. The route up from the pasture has changed some in the past 10 years, but the goal is still there, and there are still plenty of Tar Heel country boys who can find it.

The Piedmont farms around Statesville have produced more than their share of good professional ball players. One of them is Dave Jolly of Stony Point who has found the route to the majors. On a brief visit home, Jolly reviewed the trip up for the *Carolina Farmer*. "I've been

playing ever since I could hold a bat. When I was playing cow pasture baseball, we paid 10 cents a head to ride a truck to Taylorsville—to play the best team in that part of the country."

It was in the Tri-County semi-pro games (Iredell, Alexander, and Catawba Counties) that baseball scouts began to notice Jolly's pitching for Stony Point. He jumped to professional ball with the Mooresville Moores, but Class D couldn't hold Dave.

He was farmed out by the Cincinnati Reds to Tulsa for two seasons. He played at Syracuse, N. Y. one year and last year was relief pitcher for the World Series winners—the Milwaukee Braves. Spring training arm troubles have left him on the fence so far this year. The Braves sold him to the new San Francisco (New York) Giants—then did an unusual retake. They bought him back and are working him out for Wichita—an AAA club in the American

On a Saturday afternoon in Catawba County's Long Island community, you'll find just about everybody at the ball game.





Association. To all farm youths looking toward a future in baseball, Jolly says, "It's a good life, good pay and you can't beat the hours." But Jolly is concerned about young players bridging the wide gap between cowpasture or high school baseball and professional baseball. "We need more lower leagues. Since class D ball has folded in so many places, the boys must take their first jobs in faster class C ball. Not too many of our high school teachers are prepared to teach ball.

"Baseball schools like the one at Hickory can be a great help toward getting a player ready for a contract. College can give valuable ball experience.

"Before class D baseball faded away in North Carolina, it leaned heavily on our farm youths for its strength—and built outstanding teams."

What happened to the minor leagues?

According to Bob White, baseball booster of Statesville, "The minor leagues had 52 clubs during the 1939 and 1940 seasons. North Carolina was second in minor leagues—next to Texas. Statesville lead the United States in 1939 for attendance at minor league games—with 96,000 paid admissions. Stuffy McCrone was manager. "It didn't pick up after the war. The payroll was too high with \$350 to \$400 a month for players. Couldn't meet expenses."

You don't have to go far to find former big league ball players now retired on Carolina farms. The man who is credited with giving Dave Jolly his start is Jinx Harris. Now 54, he is a dairy farmer living several miles from Jolly. He pitched professionally for ten years—including class A for Ft. Worth in 1931. His biggest thrill came in pitching an 11-inning game for Augusta against Bo Bo

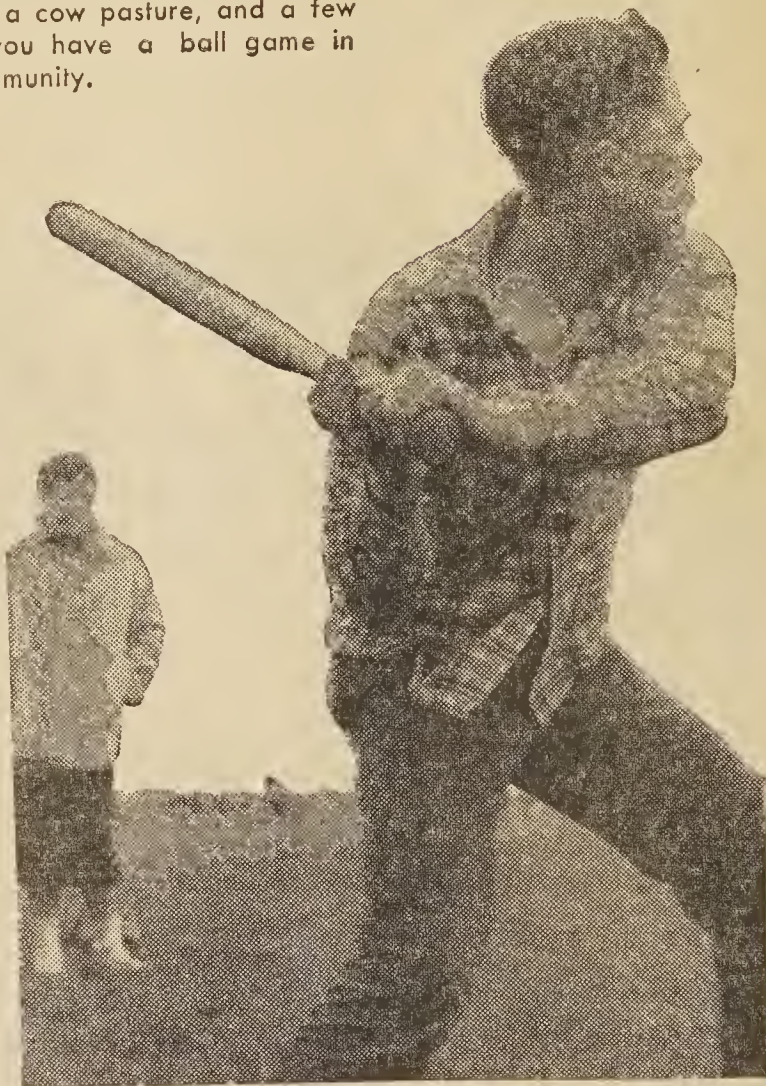
Newsome of Macon, in the South Atlantic league, 27 years ago. His son, Joe Harris, age 25, is on the same farm near Stony Point. He averaged 16 strikeouts a game in four years of high school. He went on to professional ball at Harlan, Ky., and Wytheville, Va.

Jinx Harris pointed out that other retired players live near by. "Jim Pool is in Catawba County. He is the man who played pro ball longer than any one around here. He played professional ball for about 30 years—including first base for the Philadelphia Athletics. He led the Southern League about 1928. Was a Brushy Mountain cowpasture player."

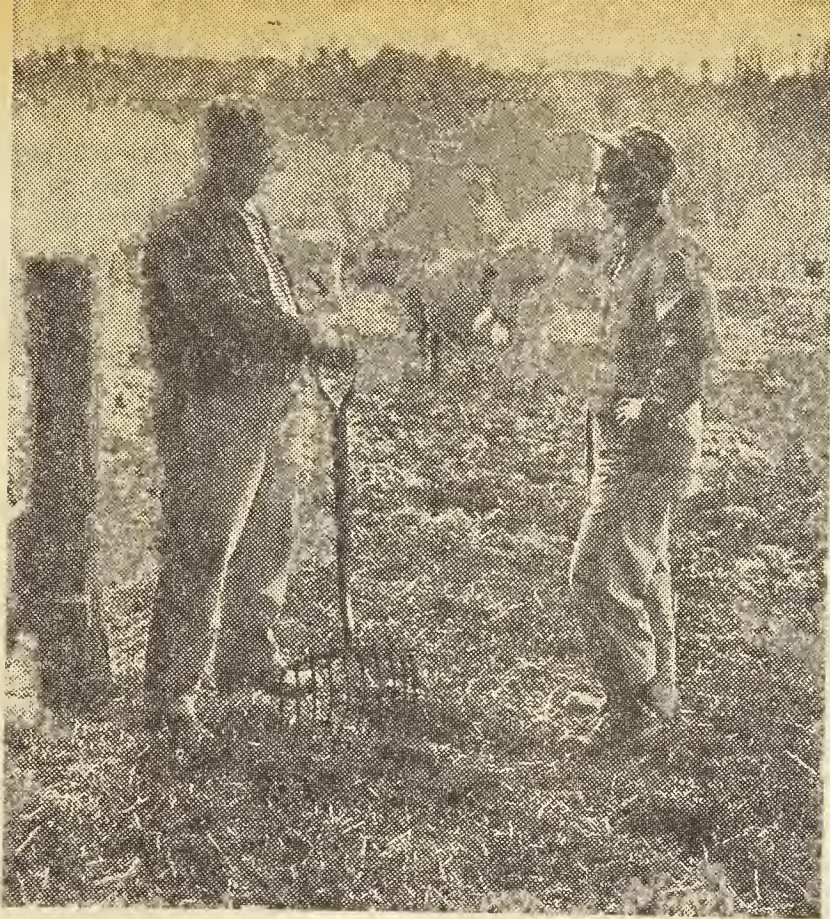
Jack Springer, director of the Statesville Recreation Commission, speaks with authority on sports. He was U. S. Army athletic director for the winning softball and baseball teams in the series games in competition with all U. S. troop teams in Europe immediately after World War II. From his personal contact with thousands of men he says, "Many country boys have made good in big league ball. Farm work like milking cows by hand and pitching hay develops strong wrists and forearms—very necessary for batting and throwing baseball. Their better eyesight comes from constant need for seeing things at a greater distance on the farm. "A better balanced diet with a variety of nourishing farm vegetables—and early-to-bed habits of farm families are a great help in building better ball players—and citizens.

"Plowing and other work on the farm helps build strong legs and chest and other muscles—like it did for Bob Fellow on an Iowa farm. One big leaguer credited his winning arm to the days on the farm when he hunted with

Take a piece of bat, a ball, a cow pasture, and a few guys like Paul Martin, and you have a ball game in Scotts community.







Two generations that made good in baseball. Jinx Harris and his son, Joe, both of whom farm near Stony Point.

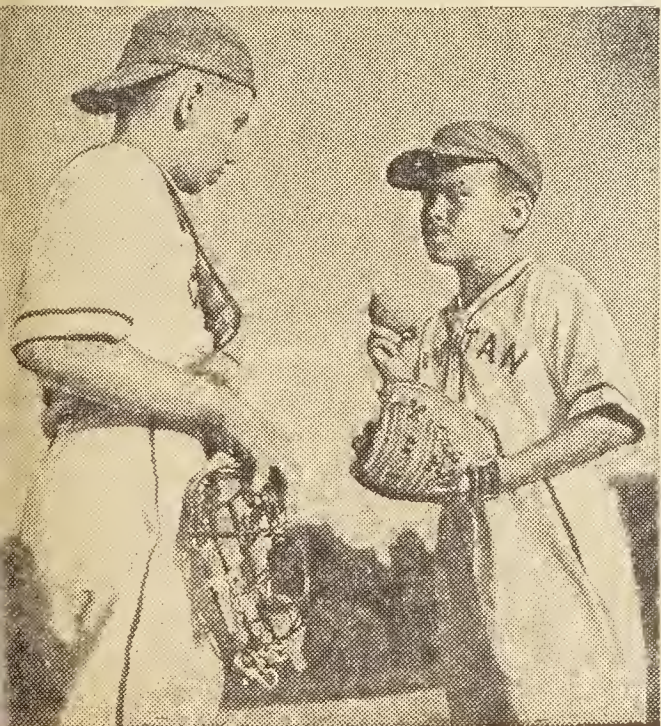
ocks. He threw them at squirrels and rabbits—you can't do that in a city. I've also noticed many times that farm boys are better team workers in sports—and even in square dancing."

Springer is optimistic about the opportunity farm boys have to play in the various organized teams. Civic and paternal groups, industrial and town recreation centers are always on the lookout for promising players in all age groups. Some begin with the pee wee teams (age 8 through 12). The Babe Ruth League, headed by Springer in North Carolina, wants boys in the 13 through 15 age group. Coca-Cola is their national sponsor.

The Little League and Tarheel League teams are active in North Carolina in the 10, 11 and 12 year age bracket in many towns. Older boys (16 and 17) are urged to contact their nearest American Legion Post if they are interested in an organized team. County baseball leagues usually take players from 18 years up. Scouts are careful to watch for promising players in the playoffs—even in Junior League ball. Jack Springer's parting words to young ball players—"Practice all the time with kids in your area. Enter organized league play. Keep working up to better teams."

Dave Jolly of the Milwaukee Braves is the current baseball hero of youngsters around Stony Point.

Al Thomas and Andy Lewis of Statesville get their experience on a civic club team.





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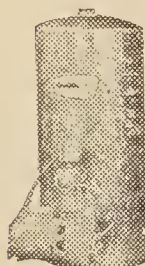
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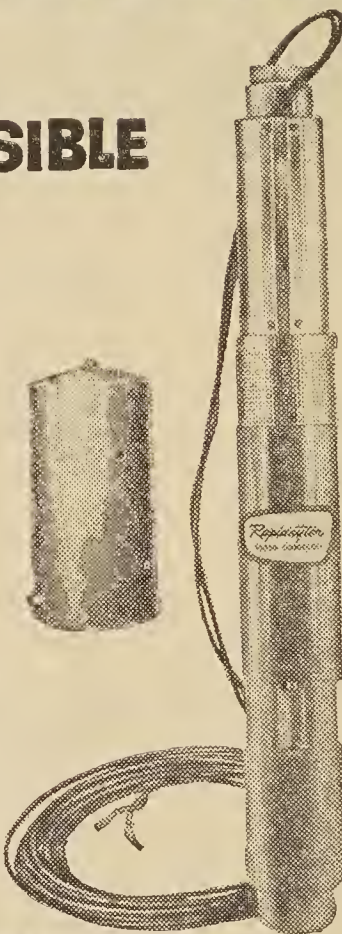
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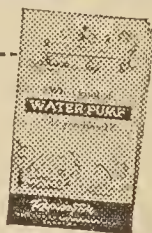
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## Mail Box

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loves them. And if I can help teach this to them through dancing, I will do so.

We are members of Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation at Goldsboro. I really enjoy reading the *Carolina Farmer*. I like it all, but most of all I like the recipes and patterns and the way you let the young people speak out. The Rural Roundtable is the first thing I read each month. Keep up the good work.

Mrs. Virginia Harper  
Albertson, Rt. 1

Now that we've presented two sides of the dancing question, we'll put the issue to sleep in our files.—EDITOR.

### A Tribute to a Lineman

Attached is a clipping I found in an old paper which I would like to see in the *Carolina Farmer*. It's so true about our linemen. And we just couldn't do without electricity in our house, as my husband and I are getting old and there are just the two of us living alone.

I enjoy reading the *Carolina Farmer* very much.

Mrs. George C. Sells  
Kernersville, Rt. 1

### The Lineman

Upon the storm-tossed cross arm,  
Where the winds blow wild and free  
A cowhide belt and a clip of steel  
'Twixt him and Eternity.

There's time he holds in his very hands  
The life of a pal he loves  
By a flaw in his rubber gloves  
And prays that he fail not in his trust.

But for all of that he's a common guy  
And very much carefree;  
And he'll stick to you through ev'ry-  
thing—  
The best pal you ever did see.

So some time in a thunderstorm,  
When ev'rything goes black,  
Just think of the poor guy working  
hard  
To get those hot wires back.

### Sex Education

I just saw the March issue of the *Carolina Farmer*. I thought the article by Mrs. Annie Ray Moore on sex education was very interesting and would like to have a copy to post on our bulletin board. Will you please send us a copy.

Marge Crisp,  
Department of Physical Education  
Wake Forest College.

THE CAROLINA FARMER



## AROUND THE HOUSE

Electrical tips to help the  
home handyman —  
and woman, too.

By C. L. Overman  
Agricultural Engineer

### Lightning

One of the most bothersome companions of a spring shower is lightning. It's time for you to check your electrical system to see if you are prepared for the coming lightning season.

Lightning takes the path of least resistance when it strikes. The path may be a tree, house, barn, anything that offers the easiest path for it to follow to the ground. An electrical system is particularly susceptible unless protective measures are taken by the owner.

### Arresters

Lightning arresters are devices for diverting lightning away from electrical equipment or systems. Your cooperative uses them to protect transformers and other electrical equipment but has found that they are of little value unless connected to a good grounding system. To provide good grounding, every power pole is equipped with a ground wire which runs from the top of the pole to the bottom.

A good grounding system is also your best lightning protection for it will help to drain off excess lightning energy before it destroys something.

### Grounding

A good grounding point is one which connects with moist earth. The electric meter ground rod, cold water or well casing pipes, and lightning rod system ground rod are all good grounding points and should be connected to your grounding system.

Ground wires should be No. 6 bare copper wires. They should connect your hot water heater tank, TV antenna post, switchbox ground lug, water pump casing, and metal drain pipes with your grounding points. Any metal, (roofing or ornamental) on top of your house should also be connected to your grounding system with No. 6 bare copper wire.

If, after checking your electrical system thoroughly, you are not satisfied with what you find, call your local electric cooperative office or county wiring inspector. An inspection by either one will reveal what you need.

# FARMING

## news and information you can use

**TALK:** Leaders of the Farmers Cooperative Council presented their views on farm affairs to the state's congressmen last month in Washington. Only three members of the delegation missed the banquet, among them Sen. Kerr Scott, whose death came just an hour before the meeting began.

*Twenty co-op spokesmen, representing 80 per cent of the state's farmers, presented the Council's views. Among them was W. T. Crisp, executive manager of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, who asked the delegation to oppose President Eisenhower's proposal to (1) tie REA's interest rate to the earnings of government securities in the open money market (Heistand-Capehart bill), and (2) send the co-ops to Wall Street for part of their loan funds. He also asked their support for a bill to restore the independence of the REA administrator in his authority to make loans. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson restricted his authority last spring. Gwyn Price, chairman of the N. C. Rural Electrification Authority, warned the congressmen that if interest rates were raised, as they would be under the President's proposals, the rural telephone program would die.*

**STATE GRANGE** Master Harry B. Caldwell asked the delegation to leave the prevailing taxation philosophy on farmer cooperatives unchanged. He also denounced a bill that would subject farm products to freight rate regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

*The Council also sought support for reciprocal trade and legislation to preserve North Carolina's cotton acreage, and opposed a move to give the Budget Bureau control over loan funds for Production Credit Associations.*

**TOBACCO TEXT:** Dr. G. B. Lucas, plant pathologist at N. C. State College, is the author of a text, "Diseases of Tobacco." It covers tobacco diseases the world over, emphasizing those in the United States. It contains the

most extensive review of nematode diseases ever assembled in a textbook. Although written for college students, there is much of value to anyone interested in tobacco. The price is \$10; you can purchase a copy from Scarecrow Press, 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

*Scientists at Colorado State University are working on a project to determine whether or not electric lights in feedlots will influence production or growth of dairy cows.*

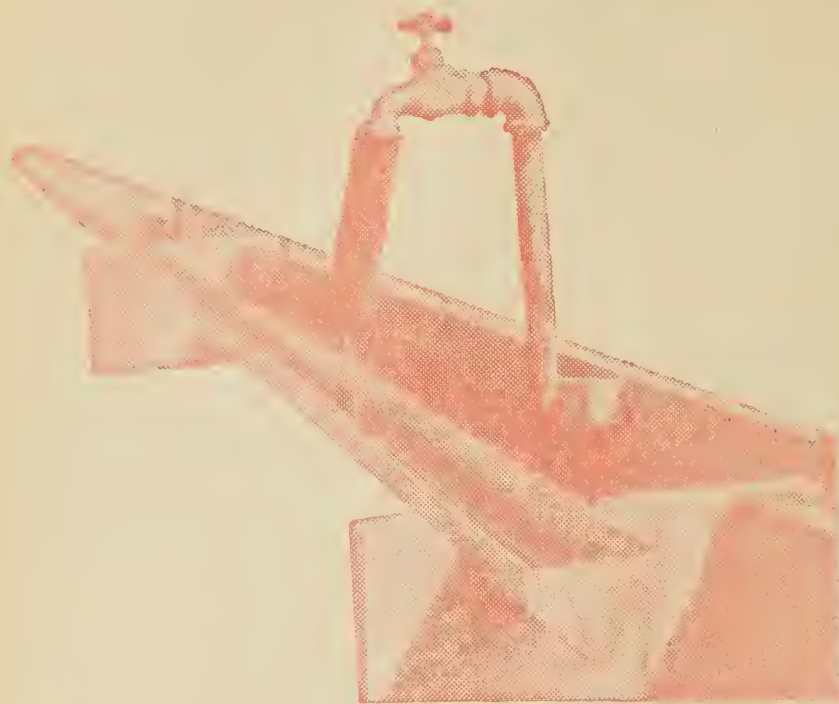
**BOTTLENECK:** The Clinton egg market is running into the same trouble that has plagued other markets. It's the lure of the highest price. When eggs are plentiful and hard to sell, egg producers court the outside, steady buyers. But when the local supply runs short, they abandon the big buyers, and sell to local stores or speculators for a penny or two above the price offered by the steady buyer. Dr. Clayton Libeau, State College marketing specialist, reports that consistent egg buyers want to deal with consistent suppliers. They aren't interested in an on-and-off supply, he points out.

**SILVER LINING:** Cotton growers have something to cheer about. The cold winter, adequate soil moisture, and a short supply of quality cotton, makes 1958 look like a good year for cotton.

*G. D. Arndt, representing the Cotton Growers Cooperative at the Cooperative Council's meeting in Washington last month, asked the Congress to help farmers take advantage of the favorable outlook. He asked that growers be given until December 31 to redeem 1957 cotton now under loan. The loan is due on July 31. Arndt said redemption and sale of the cotton at that time would have a depressing effect on 1958 cotton. If the farmer passes up his chance to redeem, he is missing a chance to sell cotton in a promising market season.*



*This isn't a faulty faucet! It drips with a purpose — to keep a fresh stream of water running for W. L. Leggett's pullets all day long.*



# The Drip that Pays

By C. L. OVERMAN  
Agricultural Engineer

**W** L. LEGGETT of Hassell told the *Carolina Farmer* recently, "Man, nobody can make money in this business (hatching egg production) if he's got to do the work with hand labor."

Leggett, like many other Tar Heel farmers, has added a house full of layers to supplement his farm income. He handles 3,000 growing pullets by himself with automatic feeding and watering equipment and still has time to do his other farm work.

"A man handling this many pullets," Leggett said, "has got to cut labor somewhere. They eat 1,400 pounds of feed and drink a lot of water (120 gallons) every day. If I had to depend on hand labor for the feeding and watering alone, it would take the time of two men working all day to accomplish what I do in about an hour by myself."

The automatic watering equipment would not be possible were it not for the electric water system.

Broiler producers find that a continuous supply of fresh drinking water helps their chickens put on weight from 10 to 20 per cent faster. They also say that the poultry house is not as damp because there is less spillage from the deep automatic waterers.

Bernice Cayton, member of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC and manager of the H. G. Norton farm on Route 1, Robersonville, puts running water down as a basic requirement for a farmer going into the hog business. When he constructed his farrowing house, he put a built-in automatic

watering system right in the floor. Controlled by a float in a tank, the waterers supply fresh drinking water for pigs and hogs all day long. He also put automatic water fountains in his pig parlor. Said Cayton, "We don't have any watering problems at all."

Growing out pigs in a parlor keeps them from roaming all over a pasture and running off the weight they gain. The feed is dry so they have to have plenty of water to wash it down with or they won't eat. Estimates have it that hogs gain weight around 12 to 17 per cent faster when they have the continuous supply of drinking water afforded by an electric water system and automatic watering equipment.

Thad Bowen, Tri-County EMC member, grows rabbits as a supplemental income business. The chorework for handling Bowen's 500 rabbits is done by his 12-year-old son, Jimmy, with the help of automatic waterers in each rabbit cage. Asked what running water means to him, Bowen replied:

"I never knew until Hurricane Hazel came in 1954 and I had to carry all my water!"

Bowen finds the automatic waterers save labor two ways: (1) there is no watering chore to contend with and (2) using nipple-type waterers, there is no mess for the rabbits to get their paws in, thus eliminating a cleaning chore. Bowen added a sideline to the rabbit business by growing fishing worms in the litter underneath the rabbit cages. He uses a sprinkler-nozzle on a garden hose to keep the ground moist.

Probably no other farming business

requires more water than dairying. The dairyman's profits actually hinge on his water supply. Milk is 97 per cent

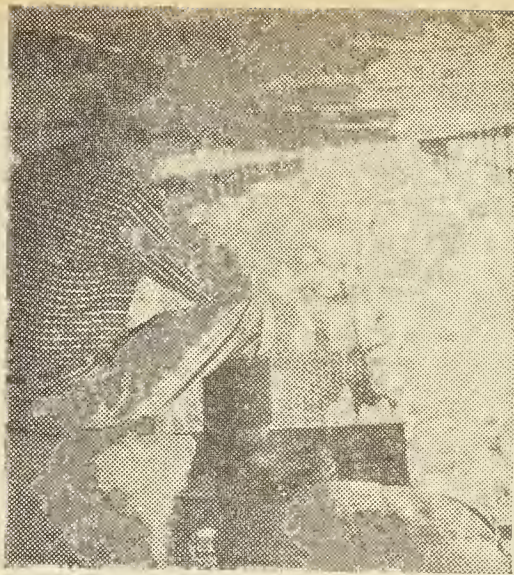


Jimmy Bowen, 12-year-old son of Thad Bowen of Dudley, Route 1, holds one of the 500 rabbits he takes care of with the help of an automatic water system. He raises worms for sale in the soil beneath the cages.



water, so cows must have a continuous supply to maintain a high level of production. Cows watered twice a day by hand will give 4 per cent less milk and butterfat than cows with a continuous supply of drinking water. The addition of a water system to an 11-cow operation will permit the dairyman to increase his herd to 16. The utensil washing, milkhouse cleaning, and cleaning of the animals alone save enough time to permit the dairyman to earn extra income that will more than pay for a water system the first year it is in operation.

Running water means a lot to the farmer in his business but it probably means more to his wife. To her, it is something that helps take the drudgery



out of everyday housework and something that makes her family happier

W. L. Leggett, member of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, takes a breather while electricity feeds and waters his 3,000-pullet flock. The feeder runs for 20 minutes, 4 times a day, and the water runs continuously.

and healthier.

The farmhouse with running water is, by at least 10 times, a better place to live than one without this necessity. A rural family without running water uses about 10 gallons of water per member of the family per day—for bathing, cooking, and drinking purposes. This increases to 35 gallons when a water system gives the family all the water it needs.

## you need to know

**N ELECTRIC** water system is an investment easily recovered if it is properly planned. A well-planned system will give its owner years of economical use. Poor planning results in costly repairs.

There are several things a person needs to know about planning for a water system—well or spring capacity, the water needs of his family and farm, the electric power available for operating an electric pump, and the pump.

### Well Capacity

A pump can get water from a well faster than it can be replaced into it. The best way to check the capacity is to consult a competent well driller who has the equipment to make a check. It will take him but a few minutes to determine how fast water can be drawn from the well without draining it.

A spring can be checked with a five-gallon bucket. By timing how long it takes for the spring to fill the bucket, one can quickly determine how many gallons per minute come from the spring.

### Water Requirements

The water usage of a family will increase by almost 10 times when it has running water available at the turn of a faucet handle. A quick estimation of family water needs can be made from the following table:

Use	Amount of Water (gallons per day)
Each member of the family .....	50
Each milking cow .....	35
Each dry cow, horse, or beef cow .....	12
Each hog .....	4
Each sheep .....	2
Each 100 chickens .....	4

### Pump Selection

The selection of the proper water pump depends on the capacity of the well or spring, the daily water requirements, the amount of pressure needed to distribute the water, and the depth of the well.

The water system should be big enough to supply the daily farm and household needs in two hours. More water is used during some periods of the day than during others, and the system must be capable of filling all the water needs during these short periods of time. Too, a water system gives fire protection. To furnish water for a single hose being used for fire-fighting, a pump must be capable of delivering at least 300 gallons per hour.

If the capacity of the well is lower than one-half the daily requirements for water, a slower pump must be used in conjunction with a large pressure tank. For wells of less than five gallons per minute, where usage is high, a 120-gallon pressure tank is recommended. For wells with higher capacity, either a 42- or 80-gallon tank will do the job very nicely.

The amount of pressure required to lift water to the places it is needed should be figured by a water system dealer or electric co-op power use man. Both have the knowledge necessary for planning pressure needs.

### Power Requirements

The size of the water pump motor will determine how much electric power and what size wire is necessary if it is to operate efficiently. Shallow well pumps 1/4-to 1/3-hp in size will operate efficiently on 120-volt service. Some 1/3-hp pumps are capable of pumping efficiently at depths up to 50 feet, but they should be wired for 240-volt service. All pump motors of 1/2-hp or larger should be operated on 240-volt service. Any prospective water system owner without 240-volt electric service should check with his electric cooperative, before buying his system, to see if it is available.

Different size wires, like different size truck tires, will carry different loads. Over long distances, small wires will not carry a heavy load and a voltage drop occurs. The voltage drop slows the pump motor down causing it to overheat and often burn out. If he chooses the proper size wire to begin with, a costly motor replacement may never come to the owner of a water system. The local electric cooperative can also supply information about wire size if the owner knows the size of pump he is installing and how far it is from his switchbox or yardpole.



# The Pride of An Island

If there's any such thing as the "typical" Harkers Islander, he's likely to be a lean, muscular man, not much given to talk. He has a deep pride in his island and those things he has implanted on it, particularly his home, his boat, and his rural electric cooperative.

Uniformly, the houses are neat with a freshly-painted look, and at this time of year the yards join to make one great flower garden. In most every backyard you can see the shape of an unborn boat, smell freshly sanded juniper wood, and hear the sound of an electric saw.

The Harkers Islanders are artists in boat building. They make trawlers for themselves to fish from, and sleek pleasure boats for mainlanders who have heard of their skill.

Most of them, like Stacy F. Guthrie, Sr., build their boats without blue-print or written plan. Every narrow piece of lumber that goes into the curving, up-swept bow must be cut at a different angle. Before the co-op brought electricity to the island in 1939, it was all done by hand. Now every job but nailing is done with electric tools.

Harkers Island co-op members, who join 134,000 other North Carolinians as *Carolina Farmer* readers this month, didn't get reliable electric service easily.

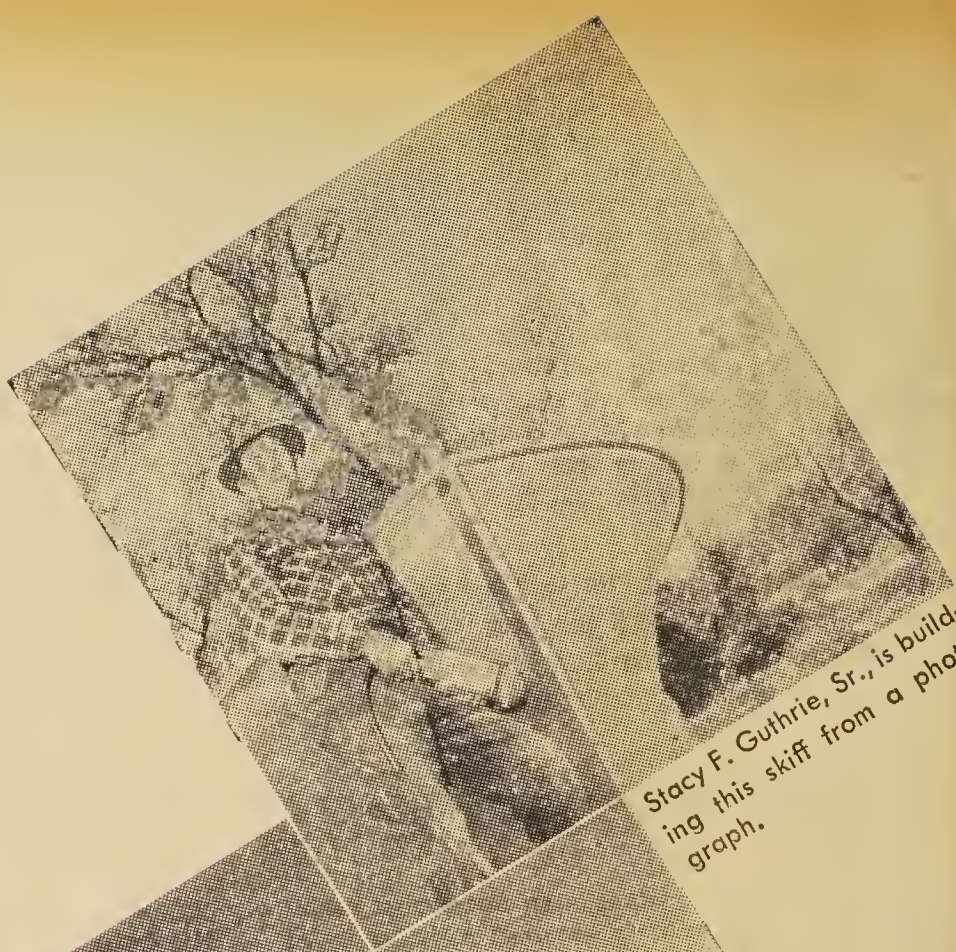
Turned down many times by the commercial power company nearest them, they organized in 1939, and secured a \$50,000 loan from REA.

It took \$20,000 just to get power from the mainland by means of a submarine cable. In 1944, the cable went bad.

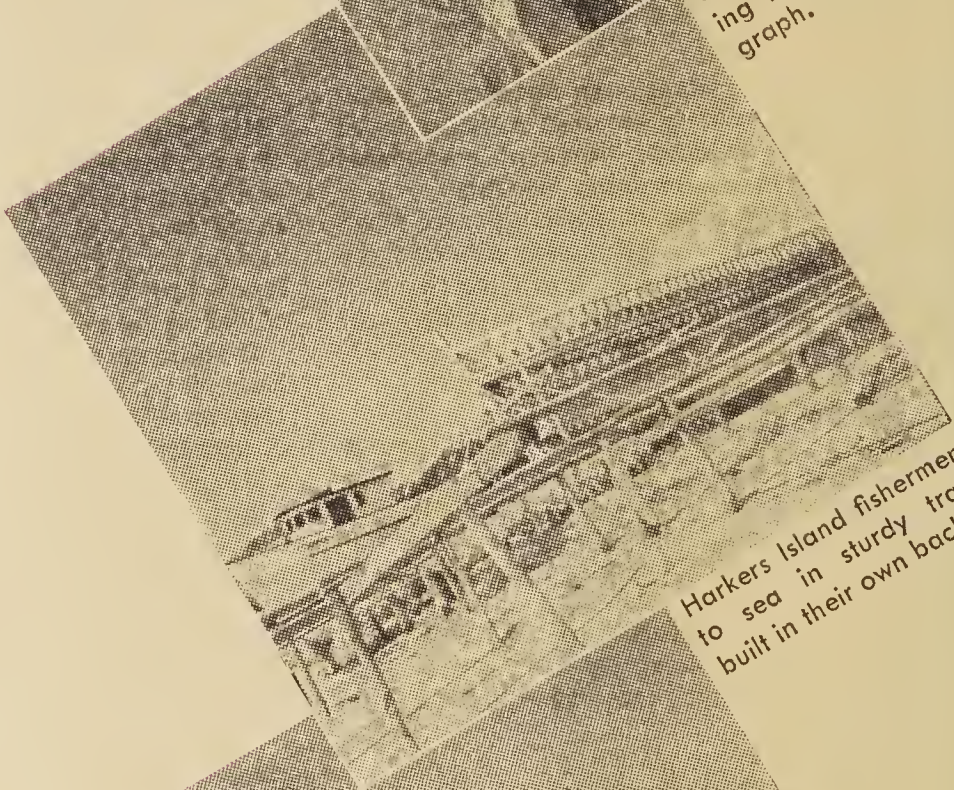
The co-op moved in a mobile generator, and operated at high cost for several months. By then, however, the state had built a bridge from the mainland, which allowed the co-op to bring in power by way of overhead lines. Soon after the new lines were connected, the co-op regained financial stability, and has been growing ever since.

In 1940, it had only 125 members, who used an average of 30 kilowatt-hours per month, and paid an average power bill of \$2.32, according to co-op manager Maxwell Willis.

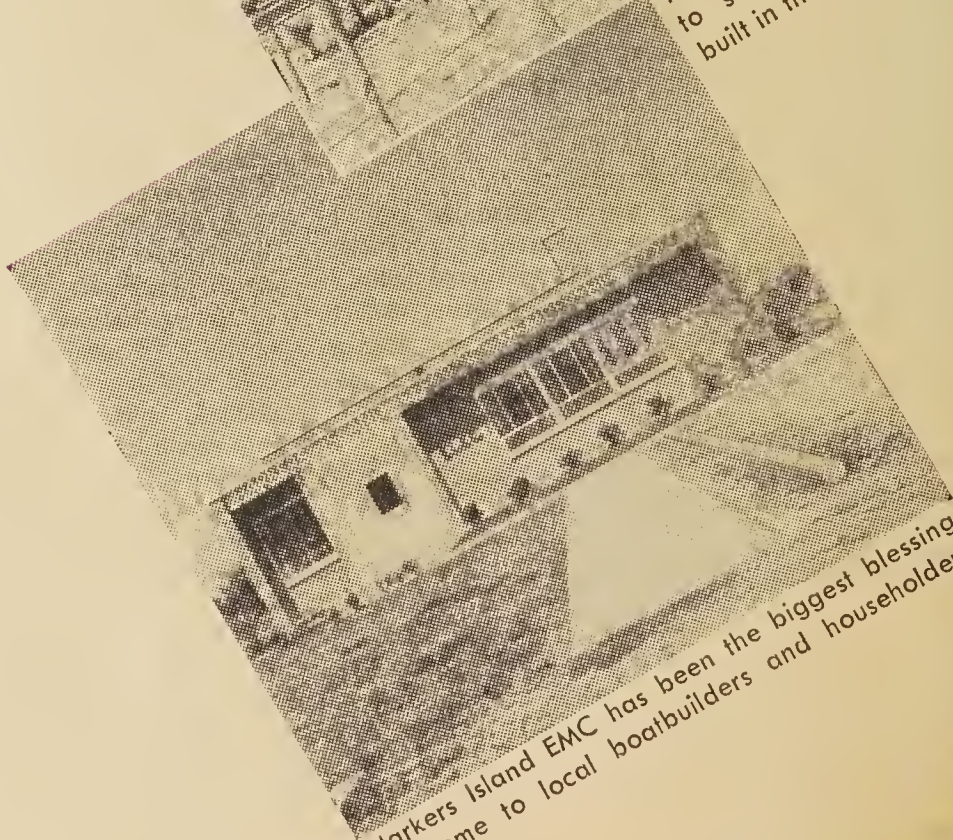
It now has 410 members, the average one using 259 kilowatt-hours per month, and paying a power bill of \$7.62.



Stacy F. Guthrie, Sr., is building this skiff from a photograph.

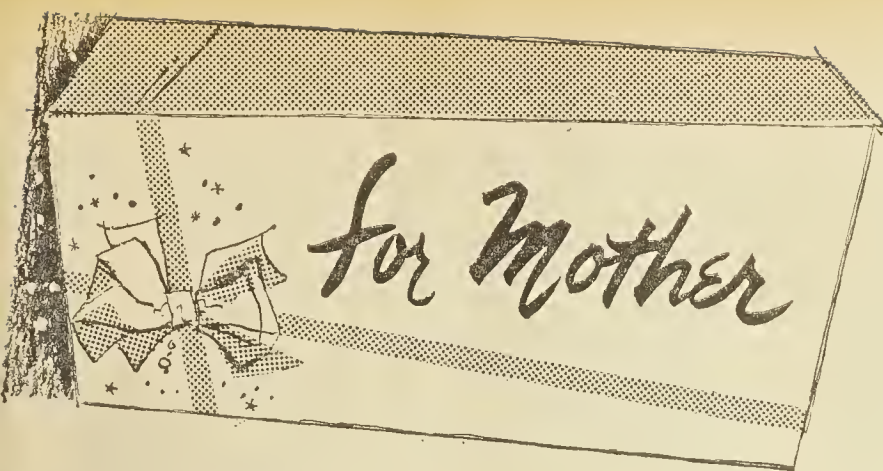


Harkers Island fishermen put to sea in sturdy trawlers, built in their own back yards.



Harkers Island EMC has been the biggest blessing to come to local boatbuilders and householders.





*With Love  
From Joan*

## Davidson Electric Homemaker Wins CF Mother's Day Contest

By REBEKAH RIVERS

When Joan Nance entered her prize-winning letter in the *Carolina Farmer's* Mother's Day Contest, she enclosed this explanatory note:

*"I'm entering this contest for my mother-in-law instead of my own mother. My mother lives in a North-  
m city and both she and her husband  
work. 'Mom' Nance lives on a farm,  
as raised seven children, and is in ill  
health. I was nineteen when I came  
ere twelve years ago. I didn't see my  
wn relatives for years. Consequently,  
took over my husband's people as my  
wn. I think the world of the woman  
who raised the perfect man I married."  
And in the letter which won first  
lace over several hundred entries, she  
rote:*

*"I would like my mother-in-law to  
ave these appliances because we have  
een like Ruth and Naomi since I mar-  
ied her wonderful son fifteen years  
go. I was a Yankee, and after we  
ere married, we came south, leaving  
ay own mother behind. Mrs. Nance  
nd I have been as close as mother and  
aughter. I often tease my husband  
nd tell him that if I were to "go home  
o mother" I'd go home to his Mother.  
he's sixty-four, in ill health (can't  
end her knees and has a bad back).  
he mixer and iron would help ease  
er work, especially when her seven  
onderful children and families come  
ome for the holidays."*

When Virginia Gibson (Davidson Elec-  
ic Co-op's office manager) and I drove  
o the Davidson County farm home  
Joan and Clinard Nance, Joan rushed

out to meet us with: "I've been pinch-  
ing myself all day to see if I'm awake  
or if I just dreamed that I won the  
contest!"

We assured her that she was very  
much awake by surrounding her with  
the portable appliances she had won  
for herself and her beloved mother-in-  
law.

Under the contest rules, contestants  
were allowed to choose appliances not  
exceeding a cost of \$50 for their moth-  
ers and not to exceed \$40 for them-  
selves. Joan chose a portable mixer, a  
steam-spray iron and a toaster for the  
elder Mrs. Nance, and a waffle grill and  
steam-spray iron for herself.

"These appliances for the present  
time will really be more for my chil-



Joan Nance (left) shows her mother-in-law  
the electric mixer she won for her.

dren than for me," the contest winner  
told us. Due to a recent, serious ill-  
ness, Joan Nance is able to do very  
little housework, and her three children  
(Craig, 11; Sharon, 8; and Gail, 4) have  
been pitching in like troopers to take  
care of the household. She thinks the  
steam-spray iron will eliminate one of  
Sharon's big ironing problems: the lit-  
tle girl has trouble sprinkling starched  
clothes for ironing.

Before we left the younger Nances to  
take the prize appliances to Joan's  
mother-in-law, she recounted numerous  
heart-warming (some humorous) stories  
of the help her husband's mother gave  
her when she was a brand-new bride in  
a new state. "Why, I'd never canned  
in my life before I was married," she  
said, "and Mom Nance taught me all  
about that. When I first began, I

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### Additional Winners

**2nd Place Winner:** MADGE  
BROOKSHIRE, Rt. 3, Marshall, who  
entered her grandmother, MRS.  
W. M. PHILLIPS, also of Marshall,  
Rt. 3.

"My real mother died when I was  
six," writes Mrs. Brookshire, "and  
my grandmother raised me . . . the  
happy day came when our lights were  
put in. Both grandparents were  
pleased with them . . . and after  
awhile they bought a washing ma-  
chine and refrigerator, which they  
say they couldn't do without. Since  
grandmother is 80, I think the appli-  
ances I have listed would be helpful  
to her."

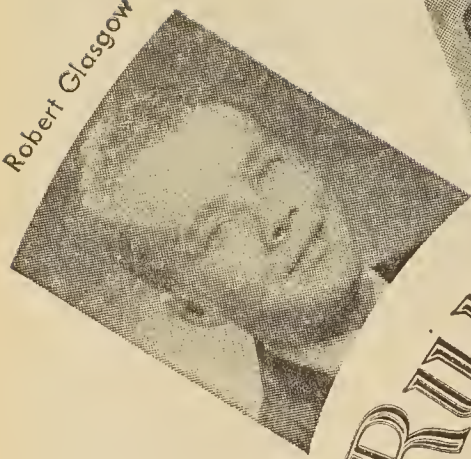
Both Mrs. Brookshire and her  
grandmother are members of French  
Broad Electric Membership Corpora-  
tion.

**3rd Place Winner:** LINDA MAE  
BRIDGERS (age 10), who entered  
her mother, MRS. MAGGIE C.  
BRIDGERS, Rt. 1, Pinetops. The  
Bridgers are members of Edgecombe-  
Martin County Electric Cooperative.

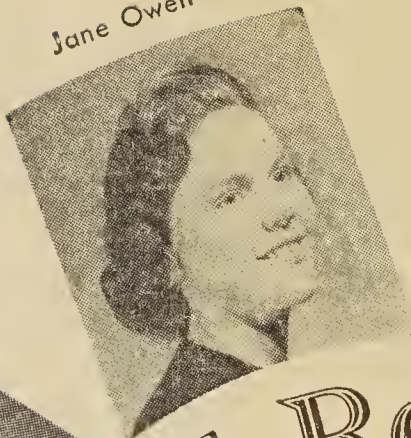
**4th Place Winner:** BARBARA GIB-  
SON, who entered her mother, MRS.  
S. W. GIBSON, Rt. 1, Newport. The  
Gibsons are members of Carteret-  
Craven Electric.



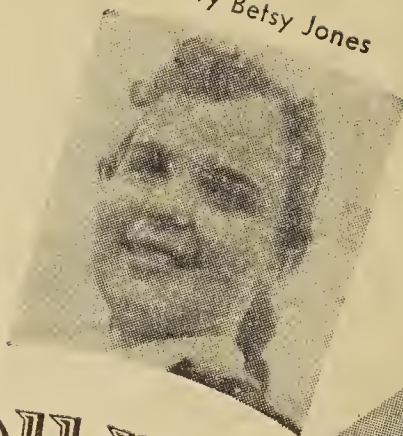
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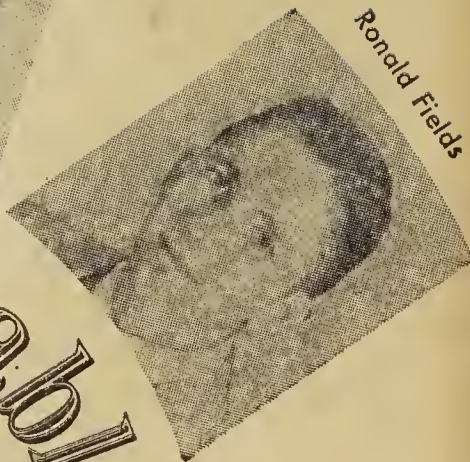
Jane Owen



Mary Betsy Jones



Ronald Fields



# Rural Roundtable

This Month  
our Teen panel  
Answers The Question:

*Should a girl allow a boy to kiss her on their first date?*

ROBERT GLASGOW (14)  
Halifax (Roanoke Electric)

"Since I haven't any 'experience', I don't know much about dating. However I don't think a boy should even try to kiss a girl on the first date unless they are old friends. In my opinion, kissing is not a thing to be done in public—that is, 'affectionate' kissing.

"If a girl wants a boy to kiss her and the boy wants to, I think it is entirely up to the two of them to make the decision. However, if a girl wants a boy to kiss her, I don't think she should ask him. If he wants to kiss her, he'll do it anyway."

JANE OWEN (17)  
Seagrove (Randolph Electric)

"I don't believe that there is a cut-and-dried rule about kissing on a first date, or any other time for that matter. It would depend upon whom you are dating.

"Sometimes young people get 'other' ideas about what to do on the first date. Since records have become so popular, staying at home to listen and dance to them is a lot of fun. Talking and finding out each other's interests can help each of the young couples to know each other better. Of course, going to a good movie, visiting friends, attending parties together, or going to a ballgame (or some other sport) is always fun on a first date."

RONALD FIELDS (17)  
Tar Heel (Four County Electric)

"I don't think a girl should let a boy kiss her on their first date. Before a girl should let a boy kiss her, I think the couple should find out if they like each other. A girl who goes around kissing every boy she meets may be popular for this reason, but the boys won't respect her. I don't believe she could respect herself either."

MARY BETSY JONES (14)  
Lansing (Blue Ridge Electric)

"I feel that if a girl dates a boy she

should not show her affections too freely, because this would tend to leave an impression with her teen-age friends that she is every boy's "girl" which looks cheap in their eyes.

"In my opinion teen-age girls can become popular with boys their ages through other ways than kissing such as being informed on current events, athletics, movies, popular songs, and, to some extent, our government and world affairs.

"I think that a girl should not allow a boy to kiss her until she understands his feelings toward her or even before they become engaged."

## —WILL PAY \$5 FOR ROUNDTABLE QUESTIONS—

This month's question comes from Geraldine Fender of Burnsville, Rt. 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ragan Fender. She's an eighth grader at the Bee Log High School, and "does a lot of singing." Her parents are members of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation at Marshall.

Do you have a question you'd like our panel to answer? Each month we pay \$5 for the best question received from young co-op readers.

Here is all you have to do to be



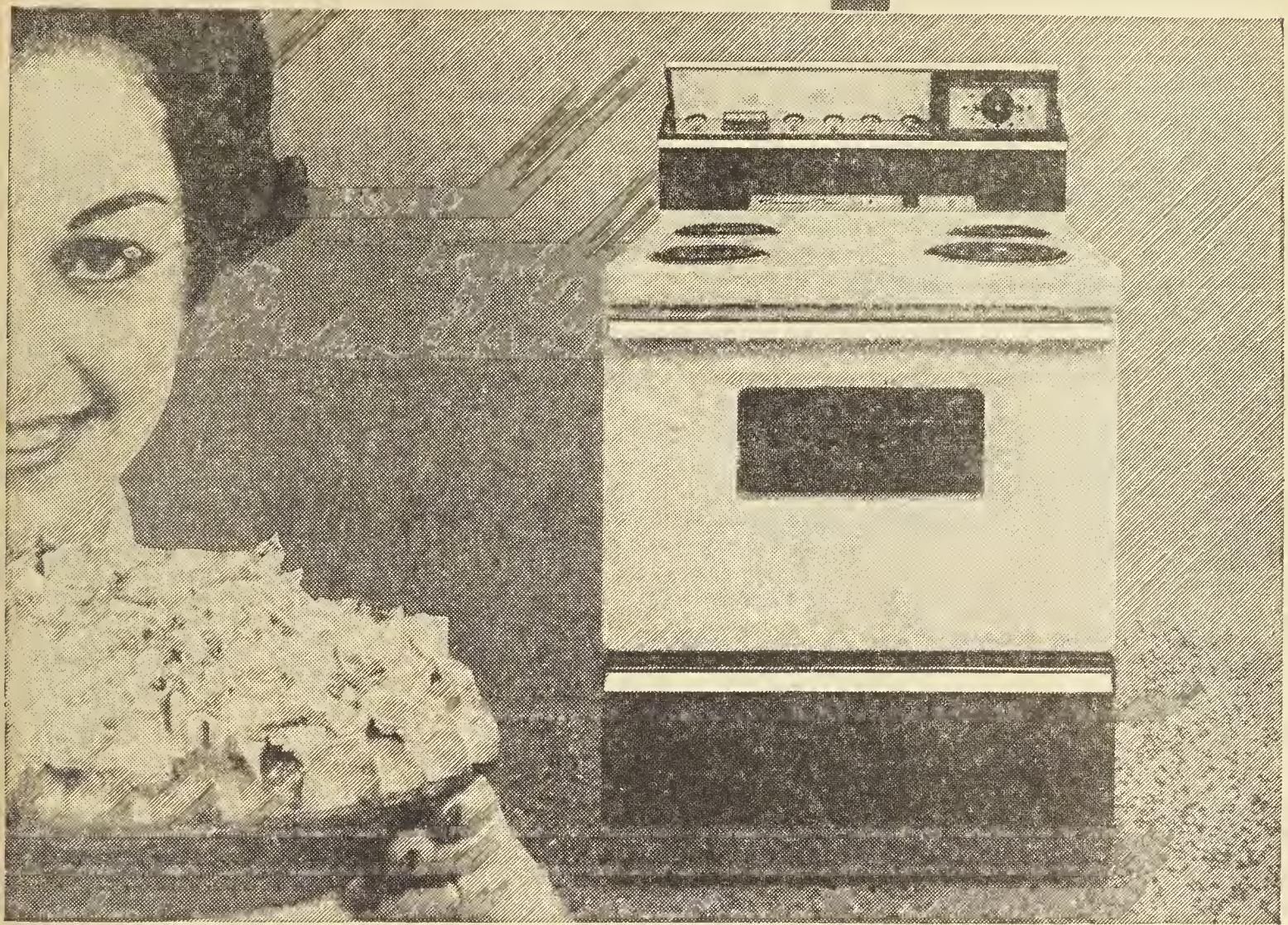
eligible for the \$5 prize: You must be a teen-ager and your parents must be members of a rural electric cooperative.

Send your question, written in your own handwriting, to Rural Roundtable, the *Carolina Farmer*, Box 1699, Raleigh.

Along with the question, send the following information about yourself: (1) Your name and the name of your parents. (2) Your address. (3) The name of your electric cooperative. (4) Name of your high school and the grade you're attending. (5) Your age. (6) Clubs in which you participate and special talents.



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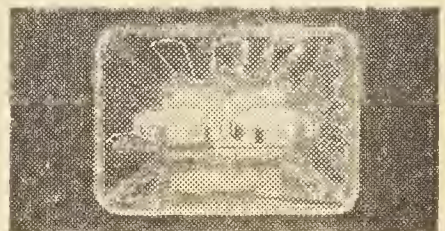
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# TEEN LETTERS

Since our panel considers only one question each month, many other comments and questions submitted stay around until they lose their timeliness. We thought you would like to see them while they're "hot," so from now on we'll carry letters that are particularly timely. At some future date, we will ask our panel to comment on some of the questions you see here, and when we do we will send the writer our check for \$5. If you disagree with our panelists on any subject, or feel like giving your own opinion, please write to: "Becky," Rural Roundtable, Carolina Farmer, Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C.

## Sunday School

I believe the biggest problem concerning teenagers is "going to Sunday School." Why?

Why do teenagers think Sunday School is not as important as regular school? Most teenagers say they have to rest on Sunday mornings and go dating on Sunday nights or go to some juke joint.

Church clubs are organized in the church and if the parents would give the teenagers a better chance to be church leaders, this would help the problem greatly. No boy or girl will make a fit man or woman without a good religious background.

**Mae Delois Paige**  
Burgaw RFD  
(Four County Electric)

*Maybe Mae has answered her own question. Perhaps many teens don't go to Sunday School because they feel that the church belongs to the "old folks" rather than to them. If interested Christian teens could get the older people in the church interested in finding the answer to Mae's question, the "old" adults and the "young" adults might be able to solve the problem.—BECKY.*

## Rock and Roll

In answer to Barbara Brewer's question in the April issue, "Does Rock and Roll music have a good or bad influence on teenagers?"—

Rock and Roll music can be a bad influence on teenagers if they make it bad. But it has a good influence on some teenagers who can act like themselves. Some people don't know how to act when they hear Rock and Roll music. They act like babies.

I sure enjoy reading all the *Carolina Farmer*. I like the Rural Roundtable and teen letters most.

**Betty Lou Austin**  
Vale, RFD  
(Rutherford Electric)

## Cause of Delinquency

I think my question is a very important one for both parents and teenagers: "Who is to blame for juvenile delinquency, parents or teenagers?"

**Mary Spruell**  
Oak City, RFD  
(Edgecombe-Martin Cty. Electric)

## Careers

I am a teenage reader of the *Carolina Farmer*, and enjoy reading it, especially the Rural Roundtable.

I have a question I would like to ask the panel: "Should a girl consider a career before marrying?"

**Elizabeth Wheeler**  
Burnsville, RFD  
(French Broad Electric)

## "Sacks" at School

I would like to know what the panel thinks about the wearing of sack dresses at school.

**Frances Cavenaugh**  
Fremont RFD  
(Tri-County Electric)

## Will Sandra get to be a nurse?



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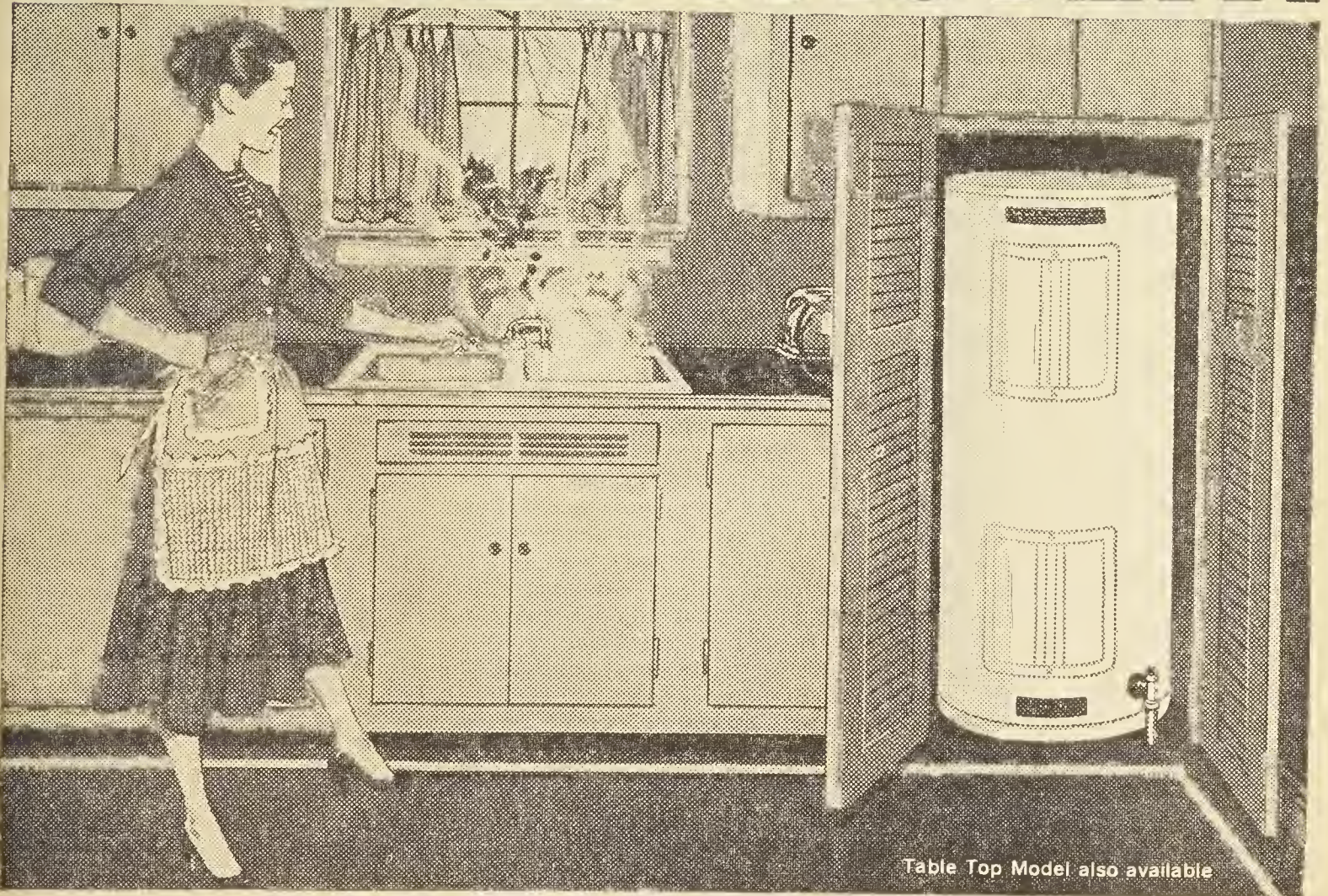


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# The Carolina Homemaker

EDITED BY REBEKAH RIVERS

## Sew a Fine Seam



*A snip of the scissors —  
a stitch on the machine*

### A tablecloth from a sheet!

If you're having a party for a bride this spring—or maybe a graduation party for your children's friends—and you're stuck for a party tablecloth, a colored sheet might be just the answer you're looking for.

These sheets are pretty and gay, and, even more important, easy to iron.

Hot weather dishes and pretty floral centerpieces fit these bright colored clothes, and you'll find the pastels of the sheets blending beautifully with the flowers from your gardens.

The secret of successfully turning a sheet into an important table cloth lies

in a decorative trimming. You can use fringe, a chintz ruffle, banding, colorful rick-rack, eyelet ruffling, dainty applique, or embroidery.

You don't have to use a new sheet. The good parts of a torn or worn linen will do. If the "good" part isn't big enough for a whole cloth, cut it into mats and napkins. Not only sheets but also stained or faded tablecloths can be cut into place mats or napkins. The color may be bleached out of stained or faded pieces with color remover and they can be tinted to blend with your dishes.

### Your Figure Has Changed — So Have Patterns

Twenty-five years ago each pattern company had its own ideas of a woman's shape and its own pattern sizes. In 1930, the Bureau of Home Economics measured thousands of women to standardize patterns.

But woman's shape refused to stay "standard." And the truth is the American woman's bustline is higher, waist-

line smaller, and hips larger than they were 25 years ago.

So last year all pattern companies agreed to uniform, revised measurement charts. Consult the charts found in today's pattern books: Misses; Women; Juniors; Half-Sizes.

A typical chart is this one for Misses' sizes:

#### Revised Measurement Chart for All Pattern Companies:

Buy pattern size:	10	12	14	16	18	20
If bust is:	31	32	34	36	38	40
If waist is:	24	25	26	28	30	32
If hips are:	33	34	36	38	40	42
If back waist length is:	15 ¾	16	16 ¼	16 ½	16 ¾	17

### The Sewing Machine

Julia McIver, extension clothing specialist at State College, has some excellent advice to offer homemakers who are planning to buy a new sewing machine to help them with their spring and summer stitching.

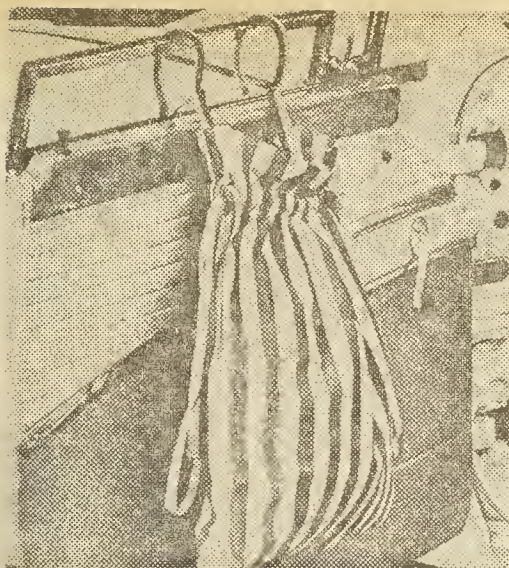
The first thing you need to realize is that the purchase of a sewing machine is a lifetime investment. Machines of reputable manufacturers are built to last for generations with only minor replacement of inexpensive parts. These machines take a minimum of care, and the cleaning, oiling and adjusting can be easily done by the homemaker.

You'll find a wide range of machines when you begin your shopping—one to fit every woman's needs and pocket-book. Your first decision should be made at home before you start looking. You should consider the kind of sewing you're planning to do. If you'll be using your machine only for occasional plain sewing, for patching, mending or darning, or for the making of simple garments, a straight sewing machine is satisfactory. This type may also be the choice of the woman whose chief interest is fine dressmaking and tailoring and who has little use for machine-made decorative effects.

Then, there are various automatic, decorative stitching machines for use by those who do a great deal of fancy work.

Your co-op electrification advisor will be glad to consult with you on your choice of machine. And you can receive further information on buying machines by writing to the Extension Service, N. C. State College, Raleigh, and requesting USDA Home and Garden Bulletin 38, "Buying Your Home Sewing Machine."





## Car Tote

IT'S travel time again, and homemakers throughout the country are eyeing the open road with thoughts of a trip to the coast—or to the mountains—or even just to grandma's.

The travel director of an oil company has designed a "car-tote," which is planned to hold everything a woman will need while traveling to a vacation spot. It's handy, too, for carrying baby essentials if you're going to be traveling with an infant.

All that's needed to make the "car-tote" (and directions are also available for a matching hat and cummerbund) are three yards of fabric, preferably striped canvas, denim or similar heavy material, two bicycle clips, one yard of clear plastic liner, one yard of white fabric for lining the cummerbund, and three hooks and eyes. A measuring tape, scissors, needle and thread complete the list.

And if you're just going for a weekend the "car-tote" will hold everything you'll need: slippers, underclothing,

night gown, sweater, shoe kit, cosmetics and spillables, cellophane tape, manicure set, hair pins, hair brush, tooth brush, soap, hand lotion, aspirin, clothes brush, wash cloth, clothes line, travel alarm, jewelry, hose and scarf.

The matching hat fits any head size, packs flat, and can be worn in a dozen different ways. The cummerbund adds a bright touch to your skirts and sweaters.

The car-tote can be hung on the inside of the door or over the back of the front seat. The bicycle clamps hold it securely, yet leave it free to be opened when something is needed in a hurry.

The car-tote is fine for beach trips too. Just toss in everything you need, and off you go. At the end of the day, dump damp bathing suits and towels back into it. The plastic lining will keep the car upholstery dry.

If you'd like free instructions, write: Car-Tote, the Carolina Farmer, Box 1699, Raleigh.

## Fashions Just for Little Girls

Proud Mamas of pretty little girls are often prone to adorn them in fancy, ruffled, and sashed frocks which hamper the normally active movements of a child. According to a clothing specialist at the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the mama should, instead, design her little darling's dresses for her way of doing things.

They should be styled for comfort, allow for growth and freedom of action. They should be easy to put on and to fasten, so that the child will be encouraged to dress herself. And they can still be dainty and pretty, but should be sturdy enough for playtime and for frequent washing.

In choosing little girl's dresses, whether you make them at home (which is the least expensive method) or buy ready-mades, consider the following points:

- Choose dresses without belts. Fullness—gathered, pleated, or circular—set in at each side of the front and back looks best and allows for action and growth.

- Roomy armholes and short sleeves without cuffs or bands. Bands hamper arm movement and become tighter as the child grows.

- Collarless neck lines, low in front. Neck lines cut too high are uncomfortable and may soon be outgrown. Collars are bulky.

- Dresses short enough not to be under foot when a child stoops at play. Have little girls' dresses well above the knees, but not too short. Experiment a little to see what length looks best.

- Dresses without fancy trimmings. Dangling trim, and sashes and bows that come untied get in a child's way, and may even be hazardous.

- Neck openings big enough for a child's head to go through without strain. If openings are too short, it's hard to get dresses on and off, and

plackets soon tear. Front openings are easily managed.

- Easy-to-use fasteners. Medium-sized flat buttons with an edge groove are usually easiest for little fingers to hold onto. Sashes and ties call for the help of grownups.

- Washables are most sensible and least expensive of fabrics—best because little girls need several fresh dresses every week. Of course, the new drip-dries are really jewels to the busy mother.



### sewing synthetics

While everyone agrees that the new synthetic fabrics are dreamy, many veteran seamstresses throw up their hands in despair when sewing with dacron, orlon, dynel, vicara, acrilon, or even nylon. They end up with puckered seams, uneven hems, and pin holes showing.

These man-made fibers lack the "give" you're accustomed to in other fabrics. Maybe these tips will help make your summer sewing easier with the new fabrics:

1. Be sure to straighten the fabric before pulling thread. Synthetic materials do not stretch; therefore you should fit more loosely to avoid pulling

seams.

2. Use extra-sharp scissors and be sure to use dressmaker pins—it's the cheap pins that leave holes.

3. Bind seams to prevent fraying.

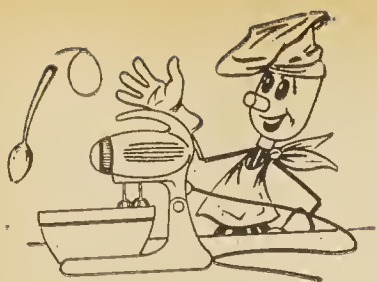
4. Do not rip if possible. However, if you must, cut thread every 2 or 3 inches so marks won't show.

5. Use a size 11 or 9 needle on your machine when sewing sheer materials. Nylon or dacron thread makes a finer stitch.

6. When machine stitching synthetics, use easier tension at slower speed.

7. Press with steam after each stitching to shape and set material before putting garment together.





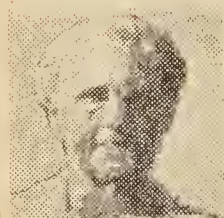
## Carolina Kitchens

A DAVIE CO-OP MEMBER sends us her favorite recipe for persimmon pudding this month. Mrs. Avery Renegar, Harmony, Rt. 2, writes: "Some may think this recipe is out of season for persimmons, but with freezers in most homes, one can have them the year 'round. They are very good frozen. I always put the whole persimmons in the freezer and strain them when I take them out for the pudding."

Mrs. Renegar adds, "I always read and use the recipes in the Carolina Farmer. That's why I want to share my persimmon recipe with other homemakers through the CF recipe file."

Each month we are printing a favorite recipe of some rural North Carolina homemaker. We'd love to see yours—and to share it with others through this column. Just send your favorite recipe together with a snapshot of yourself (if one is available—don't worry if you don't have one) to Carolina Farmer, Homemaking Section, Box 1699, Raleigh. When you send the letter, tell something about yourself, particularly your full name and address, the name of your electric membership corporation, and the size of your family.

### CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE FILE



Submitted by Mrs. Avery Renegar  
Rt. 1  
Harmony, N. C.

#### PERSIMMON PUDDING

2 qts. persimmons (before straining)	1/2 cup melted butter
2 cups sour milk	1 teaspoon soda
1 cup sweet milk	1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups self-rising flour	1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 beaten eggs	1 teaspoon ginger
2 cups brown sugar or 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar	1 teaspoon allspice

Strain persimmons and mix in sugar, sour milk, sweet milk, eggs, soda and melted butter. Mix and add flour and spices. Bake at 350 degrees 1 hour or until done. Let cool and serve with whipped cream if desired.

## Over The Lines

with Becky



### Mama needs a mixer . . .

For the past two months we have received barrels of beautiful tributes to North Carolina mothers, written by grateful sons and daughters who entered them in our Mother's Day Contest. (See page 21) But some of the most charming and sincere letters we received were written by young children; in fact, they were so delightful, I just have to share a few with you.

Ten year-old Linda Mae Bridgers of Pinetops wrote: "Mama needs a mixer real bad. Her cakes are good but not pretty. Mama said her cakes would look like the pictures in magazines if she had a mixer. I want mama to have everything electric so she won't have to work so hard and can have more time with me . . ."

The judges thought Linda's full letter was good enough to take third-place prize in the contest, so now "Mama" can use her prize mixer to make those "magazine" cakes for Linda.

And young Barbara Gibson of Rt. 1, Newport, wrote this touching tribute to her mother: "She is a wonderful mother and has always gone without these conveniences (electric appliances) so that we kids could have the things we needed. We always try to give mother something she wants for Mother's Day, but sometimes we can't because we are not all old enough to get jobs and we have to go to school. If I don't win, I will keep trying until I get the things that will save her a lot of work."

Barbara won fourth prize in the contest.

Nine-year-old Sharon Nance of Denton (whose mother took the first-place prize for Sharon's grandmother) wanted her mother to win the appliances because "she's been in the hospital and can't work." Evidently, her Pop is helping with the cooking, for she added, "A toaster would help daddy not to burn the bread."

### FREE RUG PATTERN

Come spring, most of us start wishing for ways to brighten up our homes. And a gay and cheery accent for any room could be this crocheted "textured rug." An easy-to-make design, the rug works up quickly to any size you want. Loopstitch rounds are set off by squares in contrasting colors. You'll find many uses for the rug throughout your house. The designers suggest crocheting in white, red and black yarn, but you can choose shades to fit your color scheme. For free directions, send the following information to "Textured Rugs," the Carolina Farmer, Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C.

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# Fashion

## Bouquets



4699—Tucked bodice, smooth midriff, full-flaring skirt give distinction to this shirt dress. Printed Pattern in Junior Miss Sizes 9-17. Size 13 takes 1 1/2 yards 35-inch fabric.



4699  
9-17

4606—Half-size sundress with martly collared bolero. Printed Pattern in Sizes 14 1/2-4 1/2. Size 16 1/2 dress takes 3 3/8 yards 35-inch fabric; bolero 7/8 yards.

4606  
14 1/2-24 1/2



9262—Princess lines to cling and billow—pure flattery for our figure. Printed Pattern in Misses' Sizes 12-20. Size 16 takes 4 yards 39-inch fabric.



9262 12-20

9093—Three-piece playset for daughter. Printed Pattern in child's Sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10. Size 6 shirt takes 1 1/4 yards 35-inch fabric; shorts 7/8 yard; pedal pushers 1 1/8 yards.



9093  
2-10

4644—Slimming half-size fashion with straight lines, accent on clever cut of collar. Printed Pattern in sizes 14 1/2-17 1/2. Size 16 1/2 takes 4 1/4 yards 35-inch fabric.



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14 1/2-24 1/2

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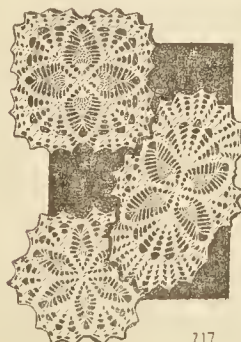


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# COURT CRITIC

## A court official gives his opinion on Tarheel justice

In our March issue we carried an article entitled "1,400 Kinds of Justice," a criticism of North Carolina's court system. It also described the work of the "Bell Commission" whose purpose it is to recommend reforms in our courts. The following letter was received from a prominent North Carolina court official, who asked that his name be withheld. We feel our readers will be interested in this qualified opinion on a subject of importance to all citizens.

"I am wondering what reactions, if any, the *Carolina Farmer* has received from the article this month (March issue) on the courts of North Carolina.

"Personally, I considered it a very excellent article and undoubtedly the truth has been told. I appeared before a Senate Committee at the last session of the General Assembly in favor of a bill to put justices of the peace on salaries, but I realize that this was a stop-gap measure pending the report of the commission of which Senator Bell is chairman. Personally, I think our courts are still in the horse and buggy era and if the lawyers would only realize that most of the hardships are borne by the legal profession except for

those mentioned in your article. I would rather try one case a week in a court of competent jurisdiction than have 10 cases piled up for a one-week term with a judge and solicitor, or in civil matters, just a judge who wanted to get home on Thursday night. I think the pressure on the legal profession under our present procedure is terrific and it takes a large part of one's time explaining to a client why Lawyer Smith could get a case tried and you couldn't.

"However, back to the article: I don't believe that there was a sufficient differentiation between J. P. Courts and Recorders Courts in speaking of the ills of the inferior courts generally. I am well acquainted with several Recorders Courts in this state. I do think that a judge, after being upon the bench for a long time, sometimes acquires a local outlook which is used a great deal in his decisions. However, I consider all of these courts I know to be extremely fair and well run, and I believe that every defendant gets a fair shake. I am the solicitor in one of these courts and I believe if any errors are committed therein—and I'm sure they are—it is on the side of mercy rather than otherwise.

"I agree about the court costs as set out in the article and I think that every Recorders Court should provide juries when requested. I am greatly in hopes that the Bell Commission will evolve a court system that, first, does away with the appointment of untrained people to prosecute and judge their fellowman; second, provides for an inferior court in each county or subdivision thereof (where necessary) that pays its personnel adequately and affords a fair and impartial forum; thirdly, provides for a uniform fee system with no thought of the courts being a money-making scheme; and, fourth, provides for more frequent terms in the smaller counties in order that cases may be tried in an atmosphere that is devoid of pressure and hurry. I would add to these compulsory pre-trial conferences and a quicker and easier manner to get a case before an appellate court."

## For Mother

(Continued from Page 21)

thought you were supposed to count every bean that you put in a can!"

Mrs. Fred Nance was just as pleased with her new appliances as was her daughter-in-law. And four-year-old Gail was delighted when her grandmother told her that she would be able to bake more cakes now that she had a mixer.

As we left these two successful and happy homemakers, the elder Mrs. Nance was wondering if she could convert her husband from biscuits to toast for breakfast—and her daughter-in-law was planning to bake waffles for supper.

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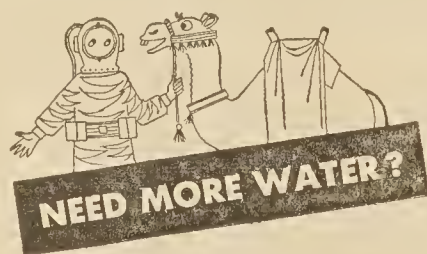
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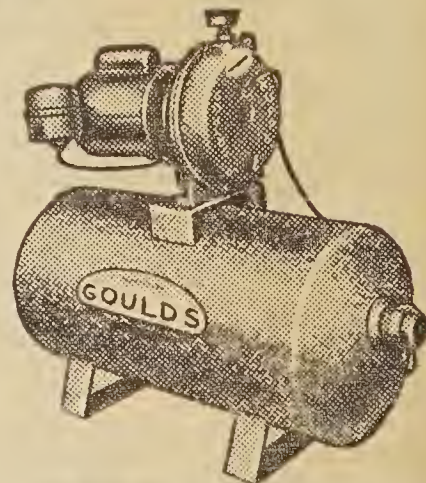
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"Then why, my little man, do you sell papers?"

"Oh," said the lad gently, "just t'get a chance t'holler!"

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### RATHER EXPENSIVE

Panhandler: "Sir, could I have \$1,000 for a cup of coffee?"

Man: "What?"

Panhandler: "I like to eat at drive-ins and I don't have a car."

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### UN-DOMESTIC

"When I was a little boy my mother used to feed me raw meat," said the grandfather to his grandson.

"Why did she do that?" asked the little offspring.

"She didn't know how to cook," replied the grandfather.

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### IN A BAD WAY

You think you've got troubles? How about the fellow who put sleeping pills in his coffee? The coffee wouldn't let him go to sleep and the sleeping pills wouldn't let him stay awake.



"Ace Appliance Service? Well, in trying to repair my automatic washer, my husband encountered a rather peculiar problem . . ."

# Hale!

### SLIGHTLY BEHIND

"Just give me one good reason why you can't buy a new car now," said the persistent automobile salesman.

"Well, I'll tell you," replied the farmer. "I'm still paying installments on the car I swapped for the car I traded in as part payment on the car I am two payments behind on now!"

### FAVORITE TEACHER

And there's the one about the first-grader who sent in his letter to a newspaper's "favorite teacher" essay contest, readily admitting liking "Miss Taylor."

"In fact," he scrawled, "I wish she was smart enough to teach the second grade next year."

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### VERY SIMPLE

A woman decided to have the shape of her nose changed, and consulted a plastic surgeon as to the cost of the operation.

"One thousand dollars," he told her.

"A thousand dollars!" exploded the prospective patient. "Isn't there something less expensive?"

"Well," said the surgeon meditatively, "you could try walking into a lamp post."

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### HE REALLY NEEDS HELP!

Psychiatrist to patient: "And when did you first discover you enjoyed paying your income tax?"

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### A LITTLE HARDER, PLEASE

The master of ceremonies at a banquet table awakened a guest at his right by tapping his bald head with the gavel, while the last speaker was holding forth before a large and exhausted audience.

"Hit me again," the aroused snoozer cried loudly, "I can still hear him."



"Why should I open my mouth? I came here to have my eyes tested!"



"Now, what's wrong?"



# EDITORIALS

## Before You Vote

Not that you didn't already know, but it's election year again. Primary contestants are now wooing the voters in four congressional district races. And all 12 of our current crop of congressmen will be up for re-election next November.

How do these men who seek your vote stand on the rural electrification and resources development programs? You are entitled to know. Many political issues are important to you, but certainly every member of a rural electric cooperative should give special attention to how the candidates stand on these two.

Beginning on page 9, *Carolina Farmer*, following a bi-annual practice, presents the voting records of the three incumbents involved in primary races this month. We also present what those candidates who bothered to answer our poll think on three important questions. We hope you read this material carefully and give it proper evaluation in your final vote.

We'll present a similar feature next October—for those men who have November on their minds. Neither this magazine nor its publisher, Tarheel Electric Membership Association, ever endorses or opposes a political candidate or party. We just try to report the facts and thereby aid you in coming to your own decisions.

## Kerr Scott

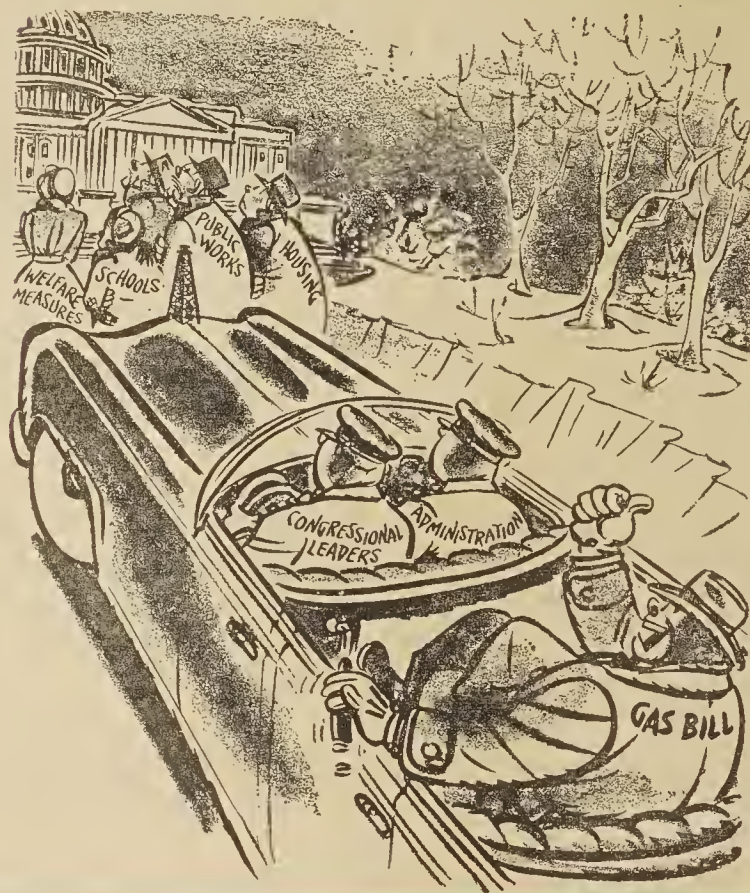
All of North Carolina lost a friend in the death of Kerr Scott. He worked hard for "the little people," feeling that those of affluence and influence could take care of themselves. But at that, even the monied interests that fought him the hardest will prosper for a long time to come because of his contributions to North Carolina and the nation.

The *Greensboro Daily News*, always objective about Kerr Scott, editorialized after his death:

"How large will Kerr Scott's bulky, cigar-attached figure loom in the history of North Carolina?"

"Like Harry Truman's, his shadow grows larger every day. For Scott and Truman were alike: Their hearts were in the right place, and they were sound on many large and memorable issues; they were sometimes wrong and petty on small ones."

## "Tell the Peasants to Step Aside"



## TARHEEL VIEWS

By William T. Crisp

If the history of western culture has taught us anything, it is that a modern nation must have an abundance of power and that, of all types of power available to man, electricity is by far the most efficient.



If electricity is either scarce or expensive, our social and economic development moves at a snail's pace. If electricity is both abundant and cheap, industry is born, agriculture progresses, and residential living becomes more pleasant and easier.

America, by bold pioneering example, has taught these lessons to the entire world. And the world, never you doubt, has learned these lessons well. TVA is the model on which a score of river basin projects have been built in other lands. Grand Coulee and Boulder Dams, Oak Ridge, rural electrification—these and numerous other examples of our "idea blazing" have excited the imagination and inspired the energies of peoples throughout the world.

But there are disturbing signs that

we, the people who engineered these ideas, are beginning to forget the very lessons we have taught others. TVA has been under strong partisan attack for several years. Hell's Canyon Dam just can't quite seem to get out of Mr. Shuford's House committee. The present national administration—joined by not a few Democrats, some of them in our own congressional delegation—has shown no sympathy for new undertakings in water resources development. Yielding to the selfish, vested interest—which always have and always will oppose such development—we seem to be entering the complacent stagnation which, usually in the history of nations, foretells real trouble.

Not so the Russians, nor the Chinese—both of whom are now making giant forward strides in river projects. Some of their dams will make Grand Coulee and Boulder small by comparison.

Don't think that because TVA is hundreds—and Hell's Canyon is thousands—of miles away you are not affected by these things. You have been in the past, you are right now, and your children will be in the future—for better or worse.





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